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Picketters pose for camera in front of Ramada Hotel.

Ramada workers hold demonstration

Picketting coincides with Mark Redt's final day

WORKERS' dissatisfaction at the Ramada Hotel in Providenciales boiled and spilled over into the street last Friday (July 12) when about 15 to 20 placard-bearing workers demonstrated outside the hotel.

The demonstration was held despite the intervention of Acting Chief Minister Robert Hall who headed a team of Government and Progressive National Party (PNP) officials in separate talks with the workers and the Ramada Management.

The demonstration co-incided with the final day of the management of Mark Redt, the one and a half year old hotel's first General Manager who left the TCI the following day for a new position in Jamaica.

"Frankly, we are not sure why the workers are demonstrating," Redt told *Turks & Caicos News* as he and other senior Ramada officials stood by the entrance to the hotel's premises looking on at the workers as they held their placards aloft and picketed to the freedom sounds of Bob Marley.

Slogans on the placards included "I've been called a bitch in my own country"; "It's a Black thing Ramada may not understand"; "Equality for all in these islands"; and "Get up, stand up — stand up for your rights."

Minister Hall told *Turks & Caicos News* later he was very disappointed in the workers' decision to proceed with the public demonstration. He said that during his discussions with the workers they raised three main grievances — their allegations that native workers being made to enter the hotel via a back entrance while the white workers were able to enter from the front, management's transferring an employee from the Front Desk to Security; and, management's recent suspension of an employee for three days without pay.

He said that in his discussions with management, they explained that only management workers are not required to enter via the back entrance and that the employee no longer at the front desk was employed as a trainee who is required to be an attachment to different work areas, with the understanding that at the end of the training period she would be able to choose of her are of preference.

He said he was shown a circular to this effect and was told that if the trainee expressed an

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Immigration Department stymied by political interferences

THE Immigration Department in Providenciales is reportedly being kept busy as a result of a number of violations of the existing immigration regulations. But reliable reports also state that the work of the department is being stymied by political intervention.

Reliable reports reaching *Turks & Caicos News* said two expatriates were allegedly found working illegally at a local private school.

Senior immigration officials are being tight-lipped about the matter and it is not known if charges are being pressed against the school.

However, reliable sources told *Turks & Caicos News* that at least one senior official of the ruling People's National Party (PNP) has intervened in the matter and charges are unlikely.

Reliable reports also state that a senior PNP official has intervened on behalf of another expatriate who has been given a job at a downtown supermarket following the summary dismissal of a belonger.

Senior Immigration officials are being tight-lipped about this matter as well. However, according to the reliable sources, the belonger who was known to be a supporter of the PNP, took the matter to the Immigration Department whose officials visited the supermarket and found the expatriate on the job without the necessary work permit.

The company was reportedly instructed to end the arrangements with the expatriate (a Canadian national) immediately. However, while the investigations were continuing, a senior PNP official instructed that it was okay for the expatriate woman to return to the job and she has since been back on the job reportedly doing the sort of work for which there is no shortage of native people.

And, in another case, the immigration officials reportedly found a French national working at a hotel in Turtle Cove, Providenciales, without a work permit.

Meanwhile, according to the reports on the matter involving the private school, one of the expatriates was employed as a teacher while the other was employed as an administrative assistant doing secretarial and other duties.

The reports said that when a team of immigration officials visited the school, one of the two (an American national) admitted that she was working at the school without the necessary work permit but was doing so because she had been assured by a senior official associated with the school that the Immigration Department had given its consent.

The other expatriate (a British

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TCI now associate member of CARICOM

THE TURKS and Caicos Islands is now an Associate Member of the Caribbean Community (Caricom), the Government Information Office has announced.

An agreement formalising the TCI's associate membership was signed in St. Kitts and Nevis on July 2 by Chief Minister, Hon. C. Washington Misick, for the Turks and Caicos Island, and Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, Dr. Kennedy Simmonds, current chairman of Caricom's Conference of Heads of Government.

The agreement was initiated more than a year ago by the People's Democratic Movement (PDM) Government. It was signed during the just concluded 12th meeting of Caricom Heads held in St. Kitts and Nevis. Because of the Turks and Caicos Islands status as a Dependent British Territory, it was not entitled to full membership of Caricom.

As an associate member of the Community, the Turks and Caicos Islands, while not having voting rights within the institutions of the community, will be entitled to participate fully in the deliberations of the several institutions in order to promote the interests of the Turks and Caicos Islands in specific programmes and measures.

The Turks and Caicos Islands will also be entitled to propose programmes and measures as well as to share in the benefits of all relevant Caricom regional programmes and measures, whether or not proposed by the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Meanwhile, according to a press release from the Government Information Office, the agreement specifies that:

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Shake-up in Civil Service

THREE senior civil servants have been transferred to new posts in a reshuffle announced by Acting Chief Secretary Mr. Austin Robinson.

Mr. Royal Robinson, hitherto Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Development, has been transferred to the Chief Minister's Office where he will serve as Permanent Secretary.

Mr. Kingsley Been, formerly of the Public Service Commission, will now serve as Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Transportation.

And, Mrs. Cynthia Astwood, who earlier this year served as the Deputy Chief Secretary Counterpart in Providenciales, will now be the Establishment Secretary in the Chief Secretary's Office.

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Ramada workers stage demonstration

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interest in working at the front desk, she would be sent to the front desk.

Hon. Hall also said he got management's agreement, in writing, to pay the suspended employee for the three days.

He said the outcome of the discussions with management were conveyed to the workers who then "transferred to some other paper they had sent management and given them until... next week."

He said he was not aware of those additional demands but "also offered, where possible, to mediate." He also said that while he felt that there was a consensus that the dialogue with management should be continued, he was surprised that some workers went ahead and staged a public demonstration.

"That sort of atmosphere I don't operate in... I am disappointed in their conduct," Hall said. He continued: "It would appear to me that there were ulterior motives in their going ahead (with the public demonstration)".

Chief spokesman for the demonstrators Sean Pratt told the *Turks & Caicos News:*

"The Personnel Manager told us they use the service charge money to pay our insurance, to feed us and to transport us by bus. But that was not what we signed for. Those things were privileges for us when we were offered low salaries. We were told that we would also get bus transportation and food and money would be deducted from our cheques for insurance," he added.

Another area of concern, he said, was management's attitude to bellboys about 20 of whom — mainly youngsters just out of school — have already passed through the hotel because they are supposed to be working with the front desk, they usually instructed to do housekeeping chores such as checking on the bathrooms and emptying the garbage.

Pratt said that many of the workers' grievances were discussed a few days before the demonstration (Monday July 15 at a meeting with Minister Responsible for Labour, Hon. Alden Durham who also met with the hotel's management but nothing concrete came out of those discussions.

And, at the end of those discussions, he added, a member of the management team told a group of workers that neither the TCI Government nor the Labour Office knows anything about hotel labour laws.

Pratt said he hopes that a union emerges from the existing staff committee which has a 10-member executive.

"I feel that right now these islands need a labour union to protect the rights of our people. If they don't get it now, things are going to get worse. It is going to get out of hand," Pratt told *Turks & Caicos News.*

Leading demonstration is Sean Pratt, chief spokesman for the group.

He continued: "Sometimes, the Government claims that unions kill off foreign investment. But that foreign investor who does not want to invest here because you have a recognised union for the rights of your people, is the foreign investor you do not need because he has no intention of supporting these islands."

Meanwhile, Mark Redt said management was surprised a few days before the demonstration when the workers requested a meeting with Minister Durham and presented demands to be dealt with within three days.

"Of course we needed more time to study their demands (and) we are not too sure if, in fact, we should recognise the body that made them. They call themselves Executive Committee of the Staff of Ramada. We have to verify that. We don't know that they have the right to even form such a committee."

And, Hon. Hall, dealing with the question of representing workers told *Turks & Caicos News* he had serious questions about the credibility of those who claim to speak for the Ramada workers.

He said the PNP Government was "committed to representing our people and providing proper representation for our workers" but has to be absolutely sure in its mind about the issues involved.

He said the Government would "take appropriate action" if it finds that "our workers are being treated if an inferior way."

He said: "The bottom line is, we want to see in these islands that by all means workers are treated fairly and with the dignity that they should have. On the other hand too, workers need to understand what they need to do and how to go about things. That is extremely important."

In his separate talks with the Ramada management and with the Ramada workers, Hall was accompanied by Minister of Communications and Transportation, Hon. Mike Misick, and by leading PNP members Joe Hall, Conrad Howell and Galmo Williams.

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Immigration Dept. stymied

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national) reportedly claimed that she was doing voluntary work at the school and was not on the school's payroll.

However, a reliable source told *Turks & Caicos News* that the Immigration Department was also investigating allegations that at least one person working at the school was being paid by a well known professional firm which, in turn, is usually paid "professional fees" by the school.

Both expatriates were invited down to the Immigration Department where they reportedly gave statements to the immigration officers.

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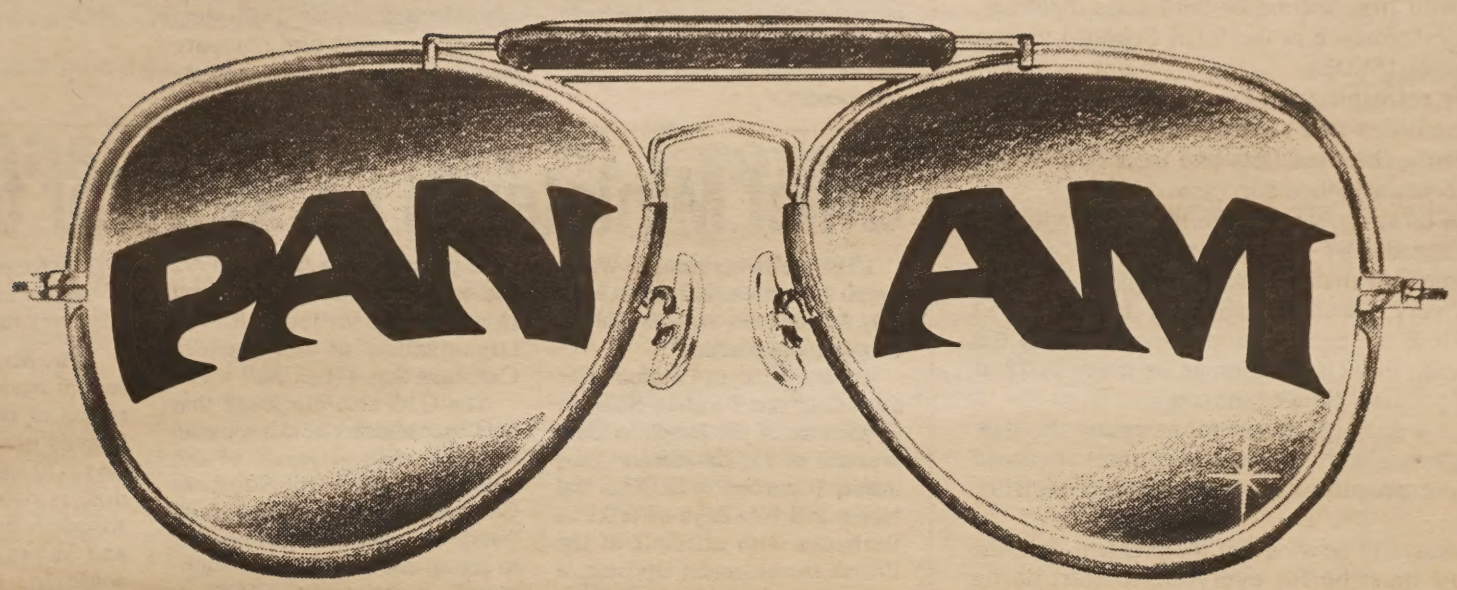

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EDITORIAL

We need to go on education crusade

Earlier this month our four secondary schools held their annual graduation and prize-giving ceremonies amidst much pomp and splendour. Eighty-one of our boys and girls graduated with first, second or third class diplomas, based on their performance at the local School Leaving Diploma Examination (SLDE).

It was a very refreshing experience witnessing the graduation ceremonies and sharing in the joys of the graduating students, their teachers and their friends and families as they celebrated their successes.

Unfortunately, however, we believe that the graduation ceremonies represented by a very thin and fragile silver lining behind some very thick and dark, threatening clouds. For, while it is very disturbing that only 14 of the 153 students who wrote the examination (nine per cent) did well enough to earn first class diplomas, as many as 72 of them (almost 50 per cent) flunked the test.

If the SLDE is a good barometer for assessing the state of education in these islands, then troubled times are ahead for us, the native people of these naturally beautiful, unspoilt islands.

Everyone professes to be aware of the problem. But, the clarion call now must be for everyone to start doing something about the poor state of education. As a people, we seem to be allowing ourselves to be overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problem. And, judging from a few of the lackluster performances during two of the graduation ceremonies, in particular, one couldn't help wondering if the root of the problem did not lie in a failure to motivate and to inspire our young people.

We fully understand the feelings of, and we empathise with, the principal of the Raymond Gardiner High School who, in her report, explained that she has spent "anxious moments worrying about the future of our children" and who said "it was abundantly clear from the start" that at least 23 per cent of her students who wrote the SLDE "stood no chance whatsoever because of their poor reading ability and their lack of basic comprehension skills."

We applaud the principals for the frank and candid way in which they reported on the many problems affecting their schools; for their willingness to "point fingers" in some instances; and, for some of their suggestions for tackling the problems.

Ms. Andrews suggestion, for example, that since parents and educators are having increasing difficulty in keeping children in school and in keeping them interested in what is being offered them, consideration should be given to going "the audio visual way," might be an expensive one to implement but not as far-fetched as it might seem.

In all this, one thing is clear: Putting education on track in the Turks and Caicos Islands cannot be the responsibility of the Government alone. This has got to be a joint venture — a joint enterprise involving the Government, teachers, parents, students and the community at large.

This nation needs to go on an education crusade and we need to go about it with a lot of gusto — with a sort of missionary zeal.

We fail at our own peril for, failure will mean Turks and Caicos Islanders being consigned, ad infinitum, to backwardness and poverty on these naturally beautiful pieces of real estate on which we live and which may well be developed in spite of our backwardness and poverty, by those who, though now dwelling here largely in their own enclaves, have no deep and abiding interest in, and have estranged themselves from, our education system as is evident from the absence of their children from our secondary schools.

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LETTERS

Don't go 'mass tourism' route

Dear Sir:

The front page article in your May 25, 1991 issue, "Smith Advocates Mass Tourism" has prompted me to write this open letter to your readership, particularly to government officials and business people who mould and shape the growth and future of tourism in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Indeed, the Turks and Caicos Islands are one of the few remaining paradises on earth where a vacationer can get away from crazy noise, pollution, the rat race, pimps and hecklers who constantly push souvenirs and package sightseeing information at you, as you leisurely stroll. In fact, the streets are safe and the people are extremely polite and friendly.

To open the gate to mass tourism, as suggested in the article, would be to open to a flood of 'peanut butter' vacationers who over a period of time diminish the quality of a destination.

Such holiday makers often do not represent the better class of travellers. They are usually sleazy, loud-mouth and foul-mouth types who bring with them their raucous, rowdy and coarse behaviour and mannerisms. They detract from the tourist destination and often contribute to its deterioration and significant decline.

One only has to think of quality tourist destinations which went the 'mass' route and compare them to Bermuda and the few others which have remained high-quality and high-priced.

High-quality destinations appeal to high-quality visitors who will pay the price of quality and style. Often quality tourists are upscale, repeat visitors who spend and inject money into the local economy. They bring their grace and style to a destination and add to its charm.

Please consider carefully before going the 'mass' route. With quality, the select, the elite and the classy will visit again and again.

Very truly yours,

Visiting Again Soon.

Chief Minister in London for talks

CHIEF Minister Hon. C. Washington Misick was in London early July for aid talks with the United Kingdom Government.

He travelled to London after attending the Twelfth Summit Conference of the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (Caricom) in St. Kitts and Nevis and two days of talks in Barbados with officials of the British Development Division, a number of organisations and donor agencies and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

According to the Government Information Office, the Chief Minister who was accompanied by Financial Secretary Austin Robinson and economist Richard Stoneman, was also scheduled to travel to Brussels and Luxembourg for talks with executives of the European Investment bank and the head of the European Parliament and related persons in an effort to raise financial support for the setting up of a development corporation.

The GIO said while at the CDB, Misick explained his new administration's key policies to representatives of some of the major donors in the region and requested more help.

"Mr. Misick's comments received positive and enthusiastic responses from donors," the GIO said in a press release.

"The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) officially pledged a technical assistance package of one million US dollars over five years to assist Turks and Caicos Islands Government in implementing its programme. UNDP is investigating how the TCI can benefit from regional funds for environmental upgrading," it added.

The GIO continued: "The Caribbean Development Bank agreed to carry out a master plan for ports development in the TCI with the provision of financing for a deep water port.

"CDB also confirmed it would give further support to the Development Board.

"Discussions were held about a soft loan for a multi-project package for Grand Turk, Salt Cay and South Caicos (and) there is a possibility of a three million dollar commitment within a few months. This level of soft loan financing will be subject to Her Majesty Government giving approval for TCIG to take on a loan at two per cent within a 10 year grace period.

"CDB will also fund a new basic package from January, 1992 and suggested a TCI involvement in a regional project with the Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States (DECS)."

The GIO also disclosed that the Chief Minister held a separate meeting with officials of the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) who, it said, "were very interested in helping to set up and finance a Development Corporation for the TCI."

It said some five million dollars in equity and loan funds "may be available."

GIO reported the Chief Minister as describing his brief visit to Barbados during which "major pledges were made by donors" and "significant progress" made in talks on "further substantial support," as being very successful.

"Mr. Misick expressed pleasure at having raised donor awareness of the Turks and Caicos Islands needs. He is aiming to raise 30 million dollars from donors other than the United Kingdom for the next five years and has made great strides in achieving that objective," the GIO added in its press release.

Meanwhile, according to the GIO, while in London for the final aid negotiations with the UK Government, Mr. Misick will be seeking a five-year, 60 million dollar package for the TCI.

Provo Hotel Association plans name change

THE PROVO Hotel Association plans changing its name to the Turks and Caicos Resort Association in keeping with what Association Executive, Joe Zahm, says is a broader vision of how tourism would be approached in the TCI

"We must have a broad vision. We can't be short term fliers..." Zahm told guests at a special cocktail reception organised by the Association at Ocean Club on June 26.

He said the decision to change the association's name was also taken in recognition of the need to promote the Turks and Caicos Islands as a resort destination from which not only hoteliers benefit.

And, addressing a gathering at the formal opening of the offices to house the Provo branch of the TCI Tourist Board, Zahm explained that the resort association will serve as an umbrella private sector engine to "grow tourism" by working closely with the TCI Tourist Board.

"Everyone gains as tourism gains," he explained.

At the Ocean Club function, he referred to a "hypothetical Mr. Smith" who visits the TCI as a tourist and decides to invest in the country to explain how people in almost all sectors of the economy can benefit from the growth of tourism in the TCI and to explain why representatives from all these different strands should become members of the soon-to-be renamed association.

His hypothetical Mr. Smith, he said, is likely to invest here after seeing, among other things, the improving infrastructure, unbelievable sensitivity to ecotourism, a golf course being built, the friendliness of the people working together, a committed Government, a progressive private sector, a well-focused Tourist Board, world-class diving, the cleanliness of the water and the beaches unprecedented private and public sector partnership and the Chamber of Commerce and Resort Association working together.

Once he makes that decision to invest, he will probably buy a plot of land and from thereon, he will need real estate agents, surveyors, architects, "lawyers, lawyers, and more lawyers," engineers, contractors, builders, electricians, shipping companies, refrigeration people, trucking companies, banks, furniture manufacturers, interior decorators and a host of others.

"He needs everybody and the only way that investor is going to maximise his investment is if we all work together in a co-operative effort with the joint goal of building tourism in a controlled manner on these islands," he explained.

Zahn also explained that the Provo Hotel Association which had been in the doldrums and in the red for sometime, has been able to clear off a 10,000-dollar debt and is now "well into the black" as it pursues an aggressive membership drive in its bid to serve as an umbrella body for all those who stand to gain from the promotion of tourism.

Bamasair Dash-8 aircraft during its inaugural flight to Provo.

Bahamasair now flys to Provo

BAHAMASAIR made its inaugural flight to Providenciales on Friday, July 5, bringing to fruition several rounds of negotiations between the airline — the Bahamas national flag carrier — and the Turks and Caicos Government.

The airline's Dash-8 aircraft touched down at the Providenciales International Airport about half an hour behind its 12:30 p.m. schedule with about 30 passengers on board.

Bahamasair previously operated a regular Dash-8 service between Nassau and South Caicos.

However, in keeping with the new arrangements, the airline will now fly twice weekly — Mondays and Fridays — to the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Monday flight will leave Nassau at 10:15 a.m. and arrive at Providenciales at 11:45 a.m. It will leave Providenciales at 12:05 p.m. and stop in Inagua before returning to Nassau at 2:45 p.m.

The Friday flight will take in both Inagua and South Caicos leaving Nassau at 10:11 a.m. and stopping at Inagua then South Caicos before moving on to Providenciales where it will arrive at 1:15 p.m. and leave at 1:30 p.m. for Nassau where it will arrive at 3:15 p.m.

According to the Government Information Office, Bahamasair has agreed to offer a special fare-package of 90 US dollars for a round-trip (Nassau/Inagua/South Caicos/Providenciales) effective up to July 22. The office said the normal fares are set at 243 US dollars plus ticket tax.

The Government Information Office reported Minister of Communication and Transportation, Hon. Michael Mistick as saying that this new Bahamas/Turks and Caicos link provides a reliable, convenient air service and a good opportunity for families living in both countries which have a common heritage, to commute easier.

There was no official ceremony at Providenciales Airport on July 5 to welcome the Bahamasair inaugural flight to the island. Mr. Misick told *Turks & Caicos News* such a ceremony is likely to be held when Bahamasair introduces its jet service, sometime in the future.

Islanders honoured on Queen's Birthday

TWO Turks and Caicos Islanders - Mrs. Enid Capron and Mr. Claudius Thomas Lightbourne - have been awarded Certificates and Badges of Honour on the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's birthday.

And, Mr. Robert (Robin) Douglas Grant Laing, who was born in Scotland in 1929 but was naturalised as a British Dependent Territory Citizen in 1986, has been conferred with an MBE Award - Membership of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, according to a press release from the Governor's Office.

Laing who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, came to the Turks and Caicos Islands in 1969 to live in Grand Turk. He founded and became Managing Director of General Trading Co. until he retired a number of years ago.

He is said to be an enthusiastic amateur radio operator and, for a number of years, he has been closely associated with disaster preparedness communications in the TCI. He was also a founder of the TCI's Ex-Servicemen's Legion of which he is now the Honorary Vice-President with special responsibility for welfare projects.

Before coming to the TCI, he was commissioned in the Scots Guards in 1948 and joined his family's food manufacturing company following demobilisation at the end of the war. He worked in the family business until 1961 when he left to go into boat-building and marine engineering.

Mr. Laing is married with two children and many grandchildren.

Mrs. Capron who was born at Blue Hills, Providenciales, is married with four children - two boys and two girls.

She began her teaching career in April, 1954 as a voluntary teacher for one year before being appointed a pupil teacher in March, 1955. She worked in that capacity for two and a half years. Then, in October, 1957, she was appointed Headmistress at Five Cays Primary School.

In addition to retaining her post as headteacher, she is said to be very active in the Blue Hills Community and is also a member of Soroptomist Club on the island, and a girl guide leader. She is also said to be very active in the Methodist Church.

Mr. Lightbourne 66, who was born in South Caicos, is married with 19 children - 12 boys and seven girls. Between August, 1939 and August, 1947, he worked as a temporary Office Boy in the District Commissioner's Office in South Caicos. Then, in September, 1947, he was oferred a temporary appointment as Special Constable.

Two years later (1949), he was appointed to the Public Service as a Police Constable. He was later promoted to a Police Sergeant (August, 1971) and to INspector of Police (January, 1978), a position he held until his retirement in May, 1982.

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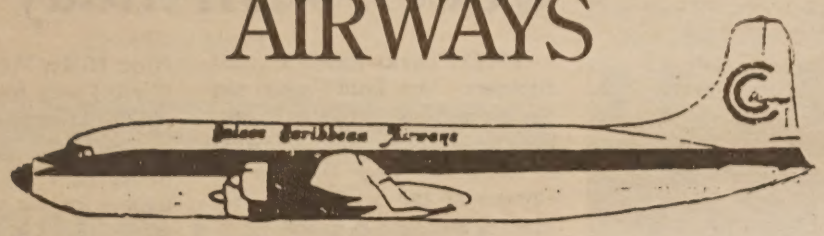

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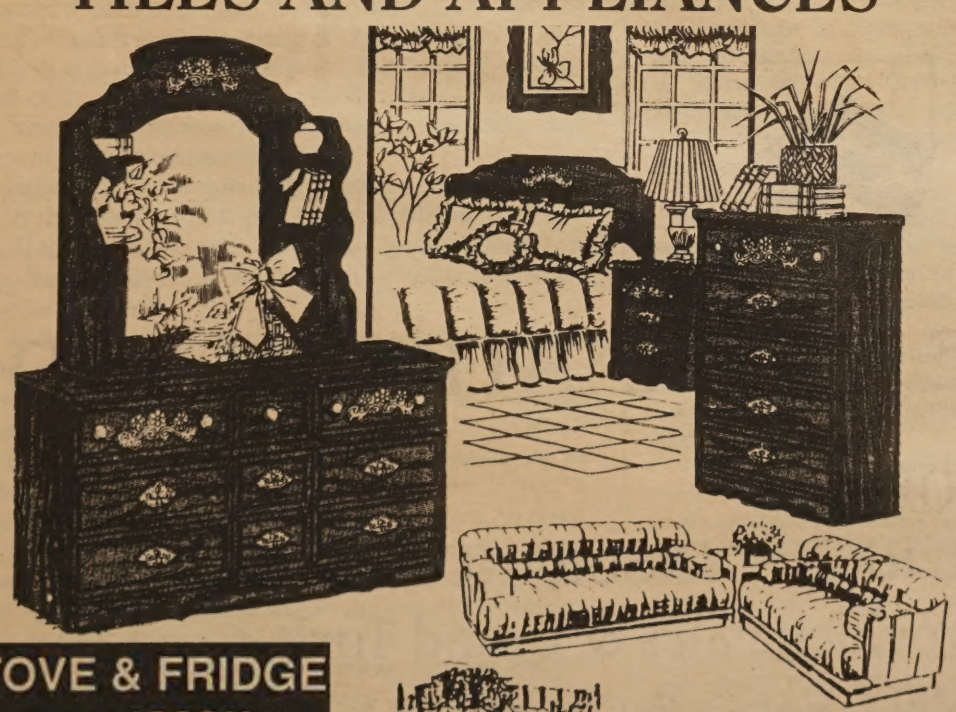

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59 pass Primary School's Transfer

FIFTY-NINE or 48.6 per cent of the 122 primary school students who wrote the Primary Schools Transfer Examination last month were successful, the Education Ministry has announced

"It is encouraging to note that there has been noticeable improvement in students' performance compared to previous years. Overall percentage pass this year was 48.6 per cent, an increase of 14.6 per cent over last year's figure," Director of Education, Mrs. Linda Williams explained.

The qualifying pass mark was an average of 40 per cent in the three subjects offered - English Language, Mathematics and a General Paper which consisted of Social Studies, General Science, General Knowledge and Current Affairs.

Mrs. Williams said there was "significant improvement" in English Language performance this year - 51.8 per cent compared with 34.1 per cent last year.

She said there was a 14 per cent improvement in performance in Mathematics while performance in the general paper recorded a marginal three per cent improvement.

Mrs. Williams also disclosed that 11 of the 15 schools whose students wrote the examination attained more than 40 per cent passes with one school (which did not name) achieving 100 per cent passes, one 80 per cent passes and two others 75 per cent passes.

The three top students were Samuel Neis of Richmond Hill Prep who scored an average of 91 per cent, Nkomo Skippings of Christian Academy who scored an average of 84 per cent, and Floyd Been of South Primary School who scored an average of 83 per cent.

Neis scored 98 per cent in English; 95 per cent in Mathematics and 88 per cent in the General Paper; Skippings scored 85 per cent in Mathematics and 84 per cent in the General Paper but did not place amongst the top three in English; and, Been scored 92 per cent in English but did not place amongst the top three in Mathematics and in the General Paper.

Also featuring amongst the top three positions were Shanta Seymour of Christian Academy and Savitri Daniel of Ona Glinton Primary, each with 89 per cent in English; and Kathyan Misick of Richmond Hill Prep who was third in Mathematics and in the General Paper with 83 per cent in each case.

Mrs. Williams said while "congratulations and commendations are registered and appropriate for all students who performed very well," special recognition is made of Neis, Skippings and Been and, in due course, these students will receive the Education Department's Certificate of Recognition.

She noted that while since 1984, the Government abolished "selective entry" to secondary schools and introduced a policy which allows 12-year olds, irrespective of performance to transfer to the secondary school system, the Transfer Examination is still written annually by all six graders at the primary school level.

The results, she explained, are used to determine the placement of students in secondary schools; provide pertinent data on students' as well as teacher's performance; and monitor curriculum activities.

She called on parents and communities in the islands to join with educators in their efforts to achieve "excellence in education through partnership."

Quincentenary plans

PLANS for putting the Turks and Caicos Islands on the fast track for worldwide attention during the 500th anniversary celebrations next year of Columbus Landfall in the New World, were highlighted at the second meeting of the recognised Providenciales Chamber of Commerce.

According to members of the Columbus Quintencenary Commission, the plans include the organising of some spectacular activity such as engaging Richard Bronson, a Brit, to make a hot air balloon trip from Grand Turk to Florida.

It is hoped that should such an activity materialise, it would help to focus worldwide attention on Grand Turk, believed by some experts who have advanced compelling bits of evidence, to be the first place in the New World where Columbus landed in 1492.

Director of Tourism, Mr. Clifford Hamilton, outlined plans for attracting visitors from North America and Europe as part of the quintecenary celebrations.

Also included on plans on the drawing board are a seminar on Columbus in New York this fall and a symposium in London during spring, next year. The organisers are hoping to enlist the services of news commentator Walter Cronkite as moderator of the New York event.

In addition, the commission which is headed by Communications and Transportation Minister, Hon. Michael Misick, intends to tie activities next year marking the 30th anniversary of the splashdown off Grand Turk by US Astronaut John Glenn, to the Columbus Quintencenary celebrations.

Executing these plans, members of the commission explained, is contingent upon the raising of an estimated 130,000 dollars and the appealed while Hon. Mike Misick pledged one thousand dollars.

Meanwhile, members of the commission told the July 1 meeting which was held at Ramada Hotel, will be spending large sums of money promoting Columbus' quintencenary activities which are expected to generate big money and a lot of tourists to the region.

Commission member and historian, Bertie Sadler, noted that what is considered "the most expensive lighthouse in the world" will be built as a monument to Columbus by the Dominican Republic which has already received some 70 million dollars for the project.

Columbus' bones, now said to be interred in Santo Domingo will be re-interred in the new building with great fanfare and amidst world wide attention highlighted by the presence of the Pope.

There will also be the recreation of Isabella, Columbus' first settlement in the New World

$300,000 budget approved for Tourist Board

THE TCI Tourist Board recently approved a 300,000 US dollar budget for its work and the development of a three-year, a five-year, and a 10-year development plan, Director of Tourism, Clifford Hamilton announced June 21.

He also announced that the Board has developed and is implementing a 10-point strategy for the development of tourism in the Turks and Caicos Islands in both the short term and long term.

In addition, the TCI Tourist Board will be promoting the TCI under the slogan "Turks and Caicos Islands, Beautiful by Nature."

He was speaking at a ceremony marking the formal opening of the Board's branch office (its first) in Turtle Cove, Providenciales and at which he gave an account of his first 40 days on the job as Director of Tourism.

The Bahamian-born executive told the gathering which included Chief Minister Hon. C. Washington Misick who is the Minister responsible for tourism, most of the 300,000 dollars will be spent primarily on media exposure.

"This in itself, is a clear commitment of the Government to promote and support tourism," he explained.

He said a media (advertisement) campaign that has a cohesive message and which will be further supported by the Private Sector, has been developed.

The Board has also developed a collateral programme that exceeds some 80,000 dollars; approved the production of two videos — one a generic piece which will provide tourism information to be used on Cayman Airways while the other will be used to help create greater tourism awareness in the TCI.

In addition, the Board is working closely with the local private sector hoteliers, especially those in Providenciales, in the marketing of the TCI as a tourist destination and is "embarking on co-operative advertising with Cayman Airways, dive operators and all other business interests... directly linked to tourism."

It has embarked on a staff-training programme, especially for its administrative staff; it has recruited a new Senior Administrative Officer; and, Ms. Norma Outten, a Senior Tourism Officer will be in charge of the Provo Office.

Other developments during the first 40 days of his stewardship as Tourism Director included the launching of "a very successful press trip in New York City" where he said he believed that for the first time, the world was told that the TCI is in the tourism business and is there to stay.

He said the response to the press tour has been "excellent" for there have been major write-ups in travel magazines and there will be several more write-ups in upcoming weeks.

He said he also met recently with the Superintendent of Police and with the Manager of Providenciales Airport to address some of the issues arising from two international flights arriving the same day at the airport.

And, stressing that it was "imperative that we continue to go for scheduled carriers to avoid the Turks and Caicos Islands becoming a charter destination," Hamilton explained that the Ministry of Tourism, in conjunction with the Ministry of Transport, is pursuing talks with Carnival Air and Bahamasair while American Airlines recently expressed some interest.

Meanwhile, in outlining the Board's 10-point short-term and long-term strategy, Hamilton explained that this entails:

- Supporting the development of a healthy tourism industry which is environmentally sensitive and responsible;
- Ensuring the development of a solid foundation at the community level, for tourism, so that the community at large understands what tourism means to the economy and to their and their children's welfare;
- Creating a solid service structure within the tourism industry so that everyone within it understands the crucial role of good service;
- Developing "product awareness" in the North American and European markets;
- Encouraging and supporting private sector development in the destination bearing in mind that "at the end of the day" it is the private sector which will provide the major funds needed for advertising;
- Assisting in the provision of appropriate infrastructure and transportation facilities such as an improved airport;
- Endeavoring to meet the training needs of the tourism and hospitality industry as something of paramount importance;
- Ensuring that there is in place, a fully integrated and co-ordinated marketing approach to avoid, for example, a hotel developer marketing and promoting the islands one way while the Tourist Board markets and promotes them another way;
- Reviewing all Government's policies and laws that affect tourism to ensure that things run smoothly and that private sector operators are not hassled with legislation that is outdated; and,
- Providing a high level of environmental consciousness within the country's tourism product while ensuring that the tourism product that is developed "encompasses the highest degree of local culture and history."

Mokoro Report man here on new assignment

MR. WILLIAMS (Bill) Samuel has landed another consultancy with the Turks and Caicos Islands Government.

According to Chief Minister, Hon. C. Washington Misick, Samuel who recently completed a three-month consultancy with the TCI Tourist Board, is now on "a two-month consultancy to put together a development resort project for Grand Turk."

He said in keeping with Government's position that it should become "proactively involved rather than passively involved, it has decided to package a resort project for Grand Turk, the capital island, and Samuel is actively working with architects, engineers and the finance people to put together the project.

"The aim is to identify sources of equity and loan capital to get the project underway. This, we hope, will take no more than, perhaps, another six months to a year," the Chief Minister explained.

Earlier this year, Samuel, a chartered accountant and business consultant, served as a member of the Mokoro Strategic Review team which prepared and submitted to Government a detailed report in which they made a number of recommendations for tackling the country's many problem.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister also told the opening ceremony that the PNP Government was also moving ahead very rapidly with the repairs, renovation and upgrading of the Providenciales International Airport, particularly the terminal building.

He said an extensive refurbishing programme has been planned for the terminal building at the Provo Airport but he was not in a position to release any details.

He said the Government was trying to identify additional funding so that it can do "a first class upgrading" of the Provo Airport terminal building.

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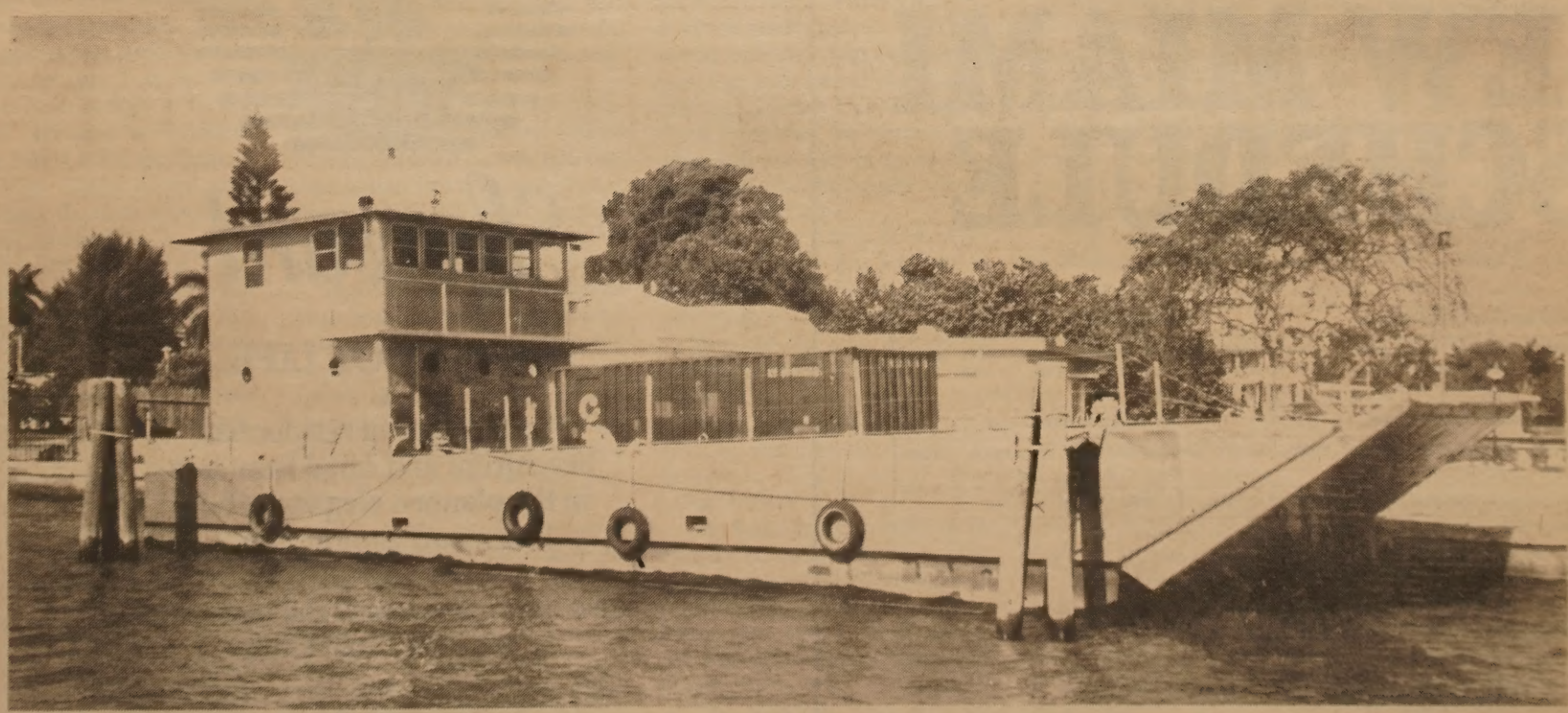

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Chief Minister Washington Misick (second from right) introduces senior members of his "Tourism team." From L to R are Earl Higgs, Clifford Hamilton (Director) and Norma Outten.

Tourist Board opens branch office in Provo

THE TCI Tourist Board opened a branch office (its first) in Providenciales on June 20 with Chief Minister Hon. C. Washington Misick declaring that the new office was indicative of his Government's commitment to improving tourism in the TCI.

He told the gathering at the opening ceremony held on the forecourt of the rented premises in Turtle Cove that while Providenciales will continue to be the engine of growth in the foreseeable future, particularly in the area of tourism, in the past enough had not been done for tourism on the island.

"We have not done our best in Provo in the past for tourism. We are now committed to correcting that...," he said.

The Chief Minister who had earlier introduced the leading members of his tourism team — Clifford Hamilton, Earl Higgs, and Norma Outten — said he was very proud of the team whose members are "very active and very committed to improving the tourism product in the Turks and Caicos Islands."

The branch office will be staffed by a staff headed by Senior Tourism Officer, Ms. Norma Outten.

Among the other speakers at the opening ceremony chaired by Earl Higgs, were Director of Tourism Clifford Hamilton, Deputy Chief Secretary Selwyn Wheeler, Executive Member of the Turks and Caicos Resort Association (formerly Providenciales Hotel Association) Joe Zahm, and Chairman of the Tourist Board, Mr. Emmanuel Misick.

Minister of Communications and transport, Hon. Mike Misick, cut the ribbon to formally declare open the new office.

Communications and Transportation Minister Hon. Mike Misick, cut the ribbon to formally declare open the building housing the TCI Tourist Board's new office in Provo.

Miss Turks & Caicos Pageant on August 2

THE MISS Turks and Caicos Beauty Pageant will be held on Friday, August 2 at the Club Med Turquoise Village this year, Pageant Director, Hon. Carl Ewing has announced.

Ewing says the pageant which this year marks its 20th anniversary , will attract a number of celebrity guests, including basketball star, John Salley of the Detroit Pistons and actor Marge St. Clair whose latest movie is "Gabriele's Fire."

Indications are that about eight of the country's beautiful young ladies will by vying for the title this year.

And, by agreement with the TCI's Director of Tourism, Clifford Hamilton, Miss Turks and Caicos 1991 will be seconded to the TCI Tourist Board where she will be involved in the Board's programme for promoting the TCI as one of the region's leading semi-luxurious resort destinations.

Ewing also announced that prior to the August 2 beauty pageant which is part of the Annual Provo Summer Festival, the Annual Costume Competition will he held on Thursday, August 1, at the Ramada Hotel.

In addition, Carnival Night has been moved back to Saturday, August 3, starting at 5:00 p.m.

"The pageant will be one of the best ever and the entire weekend will turn out to be one to be remembered," Ewing said.

Admission fee for the pageant will be 30 dollars per person inclusive of a 10-dollar pack of beads for making purchases at the bar.

Immediately before the start of the pageant, the audience will be treated to a cabaret by the Club Med. G. Os. And, after the show, there will be a party for all in attendance.

The panel of judges for the pageant will include Carmelita Ariza — Miss Turks Turks and Caicos 1986 and semi-finalist the 1897 Miss Universe Pageant; Mr. Lloyd Williams of Deltec Banking in the Bahamas; Miss Cypriana McQueeney — Miss Bahamas 1972; Mr. Noel Hamilton — Special Programming Editor at ZNS, Bahamas; Mr. Mark Browning of Coriats (Caribbean) Ltd; and, Mr. Ed Ewing — of Ewing Electric.

The Annual Miss Turks and Caicos Beauty Pageant was first staged in Providenciales in 1971 when Evelyn Elvernia was crowned as the country's first beauty queen.

Since then, it has grown bigger and better. Last year's winner was Kathy Hawkins.

Meanwhile, arrangements for Carnival '91 include fireworks displays along the Blue Hills beach from 8:30 p.m.

The revellers still move through Blue Hills under the fireworks to Downtown, Provo, where they will party through the night.

A pamphlet being circulated by the organising committee, gives advice about costumes, floats, food, drinks, parking and buses for carnival.

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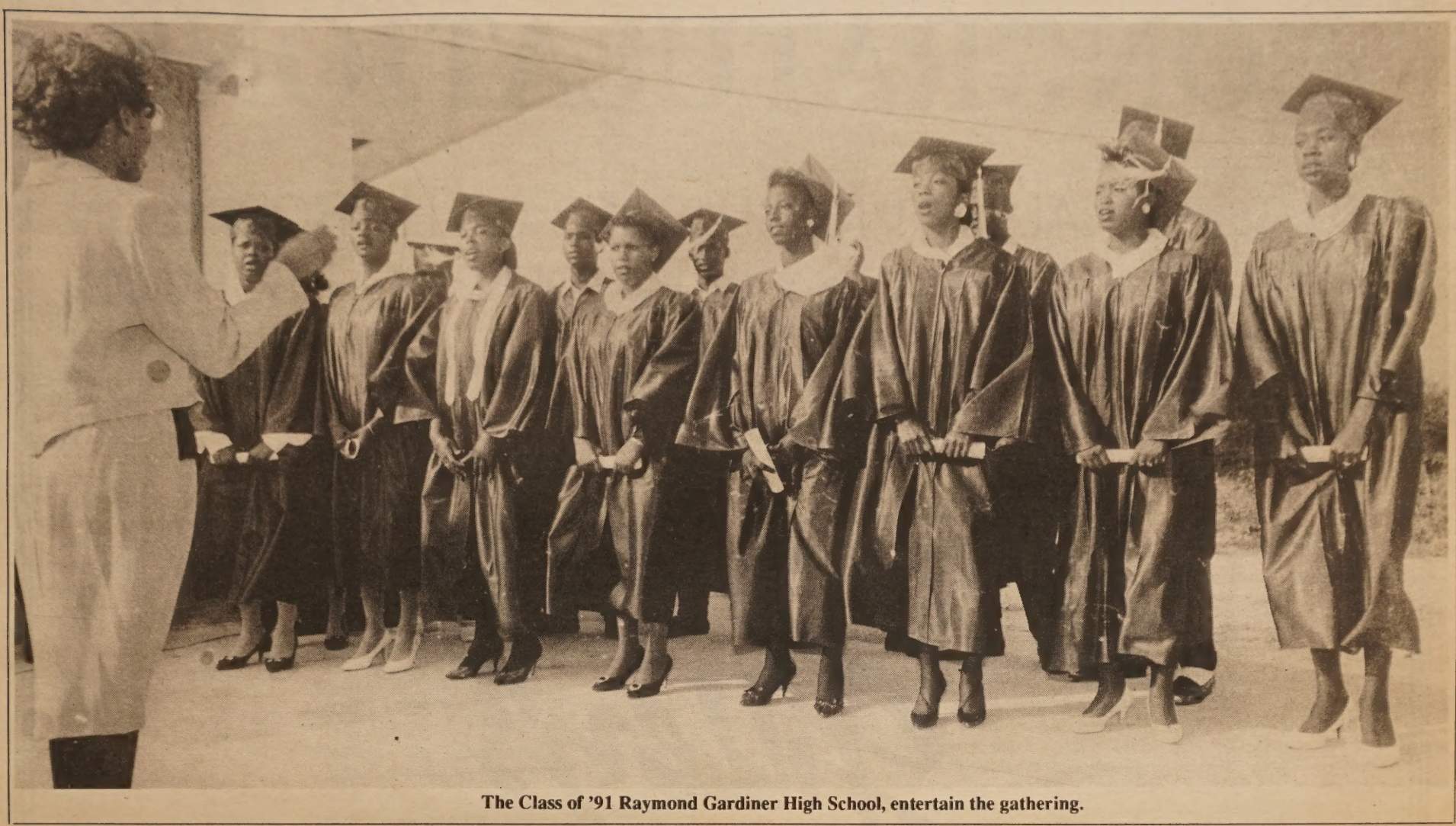

The Class of '91 Raymond Gardiner High School, entertain the gathering.

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Stories and pictures by COURTNEY GIBSON

EIGHTY-ONE students graduated from the country's four secondary schools with the School Leaving Diploma last week. They graduated amidst warm congratulations but loud expressions of concerns about the state of education in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Seventy-two others — some 47 per cent of the 153 students who wrote de local School Leaving Diploma Examination — failed and will leave school with school leaving certificates.

The graduation exercises got underway on July 1 at the H.J. Robinson High School in Grand Turk and climaxed in Providenciales on July 4 when the Clement Howell High School hosted what was, perhaps, the most impressive of the four ceremonies.

Except for in Grand Turk where the main address was given by alumnus (former student) Mr. Royal Robinson, now the Permanent Secretary, Chief Minister's Office, the feature addresses were given by Education Minister, Hon. Robert Hall.

In South Caicos, Mr. Hall's theme was "Reaching for the Light"; in North Caicos, it was "Living for a Purpose"; and, in Providenciales, it was "Never Give Up."

Mr. Robinson spoke about "Education, The Key Building Block of Development" and his call for some far-reaching changes in the education system — including a call for each of the four high schools to specialise in "key sectors of the comprehensive education scheme" — complemented the headmistress's call for her students to become involved in a new love affair — with their books.

In their reports, the principals of H.J. Robinson High and Marjorie Basen High, in particular, were very critical of the seemingly unsatisfactory role being played by many parents in their children's education.

Principal of the Clement Howel High School, Ms. Angela Andrews, steered clear of that area of concern, opting instead to offer some suggestions for revising the country's education system to place greater emphasis on "the audio visual way."

"If we are having trouble keeping them (students) in school, perhaps, one way to go is the audio visual way," Ms. Andrews suggested.

In Grand Turk, 20 of the 53 students graduated with the School Leaving Diploma — two with first class passes, five with second class passes and 22 with third class passes. The other 24 qualified for school leaving certificates.

The Valedictorian in Grand Turk was Laverne James who returned the best results (a 3.8 average) at this year's local School Leaving Diploma Examination (SLDE) and won for her school the Education Ministry's floating trophy for the best performance at the examination.

The second graduation ceremony was held on July 2 in South Caicos where five students of the Marjorie Basden High School graduated with first class diplomas, four with second class diplomas, seven with third class diplomas and five with school leaving certificates.

According to Director of Education, Mrs. Linda Williams, of the country's four secondary schools, the Marjorie Basden High School returned the best results at the SLDE. She saw this as an indication and a reminder "to us in the Turks and Caicos Islands, on a whole... that good things are still happening in South Caicos."

From South Caicos, the focus shifted to North Caicos on July 3 where no graduate managed to gain a class one diploma. Seven of them earned second class diplomas, 12 earned third class diplomas and the other 28 left with School Leaving Certificates.

The graduation exercises climaxed on July 4 with the ceremony at the Clement Howell High School (CHHS), Providenciales, at which seven students were presented with their first class diplomas, five with second class diplomas and another five with third class diplomas. Seventeen students (50 per cent of those who wrote the SLDE) earned school leaving certificates.

None of the four schools managed to satisfy the Education Ministry's target of 80 per cent certification at the SLDE.

Some of the most forthright comments about the state of education in the TCI, generally, but in Grand Turk, in particular, were made by Headmistress of the H.J. Robinson High School, Mrs. Lillian Misick.

She noted that the majority of the poor performers — those who earned school leaving certificates (not diplomas) were from "two groups who were too busy having fun with booze, at the disco and tripping skirts."

They were, she said, students whose attitude towards school and work was negative and who, generally, resented any authority in the school.

And, commenting on "school work," Mrs. Misick lamented that "learning is not part of the business of too many of the students" of H.J. Robinson High School.

"Generally, they are not working to their fullest potential. Many settle for mediocre performance and not making excellence their goal. Their attitude towards school work is one of nonchalance," she added.

And, giving some advise "to both the parents and students who challenged and abused" on hearing the exam results, the principal said: "May I remind you that the dictionary is the only place where 'success" comes before "work." Hard work is the price we must pay for success."

Mrs. Misick also said a mouthful on the question of teenage pregnancy and on the unsatisfactory role which she said was being played by many parents.

She noted that during the last school year, there were three dropouts — including one 11-year-old — due to pregnancy.

And, noting that carnal rape is a criminal offence, she said the Government needs to take a stand on enforcing the law.

She added: "Too much time is being spent watching soap operas and all the negative things on Television, a medium that requires no more imagination than it takes to change channels."

And, stressing that, "Students need to strike up a new love affair" — a love affair with books — Mrs. Misick continued: "Parents are still not insisting that homework, an integral part of school work, be done... Nothing indicates that books are examined by parents."

Over in South Caicos, Principal of the Marjorie Basden High School, Mr. Carlton Mills, had some additional advice for parents: "Parents, it's time you stop playing parents and be parents," he said in his report.

He said one of the main ways by which parents can assist the school is through disciplining their children.

And, contending that discipline "seems to be lacking in many homes and in our community, in general," Mills noted that when there is a breakdown of discipline in the homes, it will have negative consequences for the school.

"Parents, what has happened to the good old morals and standards which you knew about? Have you forgotten how to discipline your children?" he asked.

He continued: "Many of our children patrol the streets late at night... And there are those who consume alcoholic beverages. When you, as parents, allow your children to enter your homes at all hours of the night without any restrictions, how in the world do you expect them to perform well at school?"

Valedictorian for the Marjorie Basden High School, Weston Bovell, in his valedictory address said none of the 21 students who started the fourth form (the Class of 91) droped out and that "teenage pregnancy which is usually a great problem amongst students in school, was not a great problem this year as none of our students dropped out because of pregnancy."

"We have truly conquered teenage pregnancy and drugs..." he said to loud applause.

Principal of the Raymond Gardiner High School, Mrs. Ruby Gordon, commenting on the school's academic achievement, noted that while 47 students wrote the SLDE Examination, "it was abundantly clear from the start that at least 23 per cent of these students stood no chance whatsoever because of their poor reading ability and their lack of basic comprehension skills."

She said she has experienced many anxious moments "worrying about the future of our children" some of whose attitude often cause her to wonder whether it was the teachers or the students who were preparing to write the exams.

She noted that although all members of the staff are trained, qualified teachers, with the necessary skills to help the children, "it is difficult to help students who refuse to recognise that they need to get their act together and devel-

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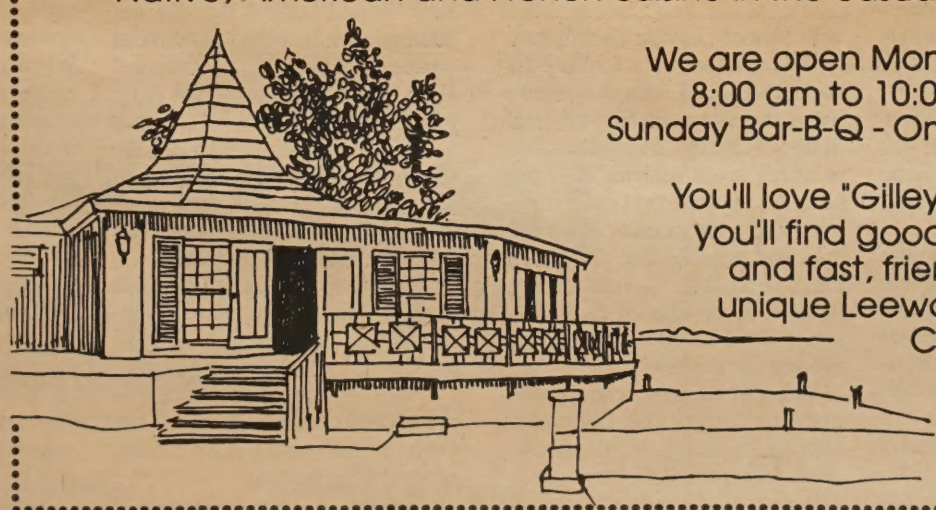

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H. J. ROBINSON HIGH SCHOOL

RESIDENTS of Grand Turk turned out in large numbers on July 1 to be a part of the Graduation exercises of the H.J. Robinson High School which this year celebrates its 70th anniversary.

A key message emerging from the ceremony was the call by the Principal, Mrs. Lillian Misick, for students to become involved in a new love affair – a love affair with their books.

This year's ceremony chaired by Mr. Eustace Brooks had a unique flavour about it and the presence of the school's own brass band which acquitted itself well, must have contributed to this unique flavour.

The ceremony which got underway around 6:30 p.m. and continued until after 9:00 p.m. was attended by a cross-section of the island community. Among the dignitaries were His Excellency, Governor Michael Bradley and his wife and Education Minister Hon. Robert Hall.

Also present were many parents and relatives of the graduating students two of whom – Laverne James and Tanya Parker, the school's Valedictorian 1991 and runner-up Valedorian 1991, respectively – earned first class diplomas at the recent School Leaving Diploma Examinations.

While it was evident that the school's administration was not happy with the SLDE results, they did have much to shout about.

In particular, teachers and students rejoiced that Laverne emerged as the top student at the annual School Leaving Diploma Examination (SLDE) and took the Education Ministry's floating trophy for the best performance at the examination back to Grand Turk after three years.

In addition to Laverne and Tanya with their First Class Diplomas, five students graduated with Second Class Diplomas and 22 with Third Class Diplomas while 24 earned only School Leaving Certificates.

The evening's programme also featured the presentation of the principal's report by Mrs. Lillian Misick and a keynote address by former student of the school, Mr. Royal Robinson, now Permanent Secretary, Chief Minister's Office.

In addition to the presentation of diplomas and certificates, the programme was spiced by the presentation of trophies, prizes and other awards to some members of the graduating class as well as to some members of the lower school. There were also choral speaking and well-received renditions of songs by the school choir, the graduates and the school band.

Unfortunately, because it was felt that no student displayed qualities which deserved the title "outstanding leadership", the Governor's Cup for "Outstanding Leadership" was not presented to anyone this year. It will have to remain in the Principal's office.

However, the Governor's Cup for the most improved student went to Gregory Simms who graduated with a Third Class Diploma while the Governor's Cup for Highest academic achievement was presented to Laverne James.

Among the personalities who assisted with the distribution of prizes, trophies and certificates were Mrs. Ada Parker, Mrs. Julia Williams, Miss Linda Williams, Mrs. Jeannette James and Mrs. Leila Rodney.

Members of the Graduation Class (Class of '91) H.J. Robinson High School. Valedictorian '91 Laverne James is at right (front row). Sitting next to her is runner-up Tanya Parker.

GUEST SPEAKER

GUEST Speaker at the H. J. robinson High School's Graduation ceremony this year was former student Mr. Royal S. Robinson who called for an end to the duplication of the curriculum at the country's four high schools.

Robinson advocated that, among other things, each of the four high schools should be made to specialise in selected "key sectors of the comprehensive education scheme based in part on availability of resources and the present trend of development."

His plan would entail the building of dormitories for students who have to travel from other islands to attend the school "best suited for their career direction."

He said his plan would avoid the current duplication of the curriculum at the four schools and reduce the current strain on the limited resources available.

He is also advocating that, starting with the third form, and based on their aptitude, students should be directed to the centre that best suits them – H.J. Robinson High for those interested in the "hard sciences"; Clement Howell High for those interested in the business and hospitality sectors; and Raymond Gardiner High for those interested in agriculture and other vocational training.

"For South Caicos, I am yet to find a comfortable fit. But, with consultation, a way forward can be found," Mr. Robinson explained.

"It is absolutely foolhardy for us to say that we are prepared to send our children 5,000 miles away at age five or six, to a place where the culture, weather or what have you are different but cannot find within us the courage and confidence to send them 75 miles to attain the best possible education within this country," Robinson said.

He continued: "We all want these schools in our backyards. We cannot go on continuing to delude ourselves. The money to fully stock four high schools, each teaching the full range of subjects is not there. We have to make a conscious decision to optimise the limited resources we have at hand."

He said it's an absolute shame that children of today, "particularly the boys, have a low level of expectation and aspiration."

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Mr. Robinson delivers the keynote address at H.J. Robinson's Graduation Ceremony '91. Governor Bradley and Mrs. Bradley are to his immediate left.

fied to be messengers. Not that messengers are not essential. But we cannot develop a country on their backs alone," he said.

He said while the Turks and Caicos Islands made progress in education over the past 30 years, the momentum has not been maintained over the last 15 years.

He said responsibility for the current situation "could be laid fairly and squarely at the feet of the political directorate."

He said "the malaise of the freeness mentality" has stepped in as a result of one group, espousing that all one needed to do was to pass through the hallowed walls of the school and a job would be guaranteed because one was a Turks and Caicos Islander. As a result of this approach, he added, the spirit of competition and the drive towards excellence began to leave the society and the classroom.

The preachings of the other (political) group, Robinson added, were no better. That group, he said, "advocated that the only qualification required was to be a certain age by the December in the year you wanted to attend the High School."

But he continued: "Sad to say, my fellow countrymen, our chickens are now coming home to roost... We are now reaping the whirlwind that has been sown some years back. For we have truly lost a generation and possibly, a generation and a half."

And, telling his audience that "a lot of us are symbols of lost opportunities," he urged: "Do not let us continue to sit in the seats of nothingness."

GRADUATING CLASS

The following are the members of the Graduating Class of '91 for the Helena J. Robinson High School:

FIRST CLASS DIPLOMA:
Laverne James – (Valedictorian '91);
Tanya Parker – Runner-up Valedictorian, '91);

SECOND CLASS DIPLOMA:
Sharlene Adderley
Mary Lightbourne
Charlene Sells
Reginald Talbot
Wendell Wilson

THIRD CLASS DIPLOMA:
Idalis Astwood
Bernard Been
Michelle Creese
Ann Dalgetty
Bernadette Dean
Kirklyn Durham
Mavis Francis
Delma Harvey
Nicola Harvey
Dwight Higgs
Garth Higgs
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Tanya Swann
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Emmanuel Ettienne
Elana Freites
Jermaine Fulford
Kenrick Gardiner
Julian Garland
Melving Glinton
Romeo Grant
Ricardo Harris
Shelton Ingham
McClean John
Andy Lightbourne
Hazel Morris
Antwann Missick
Vanessa Prospere
Devon Ramdas
Brendalee Samuels
Lowell Seymour
Kirkley Simmonc
Keith Simmons
Andre Talbot
Simone Williams
Wendy Williams.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Principal of the H.J. Robinson High School, Mrs. Lillian Misick, made the following remarks about her school's performance at the Caribbean Examination Council's (CXC) Examinations:

"Only those students who demonstrated ability, interest, and determination to succeed, were entered for the CXC Examination in June 1990. Consequently, the number of entries was small. There were 71 entries for the Basic Proficiency level and 107 for the General Proficiency level. 36.1 per cent got Grade 1 and 11 at the basic level with 100 per cent passes in foods and craft. 65.1 per cent of those entered for the General Proficiency got grades 1, 11 and 111.

"The highest subject entry was English Language with 45 per cent passes and the lowest were Wods and Integrated Science, each getting 100 per cent passes. Other subjects with 100 per cent passes were Biology, Spanish, Craft, Technical Drawing and Office Procedure.

"The best results came from Edwin Astwood who wrote eight subjects at the General Proficiency Level, got six at Grade 11 and two at Grade 111...

"Extremely encouraging to note was a male student excelling. It was like a breath of fresh air.

VALEDICTORIAN

LAVERNE James, Valedictorian 1991 of the H.J. Robinson High School, joined the school's student body two years ago. In addition to being this year's valedictorian, she also returned the best overall results (nationally) at this year's School Leaving Diploma Examination recording a 3.8 average.

She copped the first places in Accounts, Office Procedures, Principles of Business, Social Studies, and Mathematics; the second place in English; and, the third place in Typing.

In her valedictory address, she said her accomplishment was the result of years of hard work, frustration and at times even tears and she promised not to allow herself to be lulled into a false sense of security by believing that she has completed her educational pursuits.

"My work has only just begun and the foundation which has been built during my years at H.J. Robinson High School, will be further built upon as I involve

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myself in higher education at the tertiary level."

Mrs. Misick lauded Laverne for her "consistent hard work and outstanding performance and thanked her for capturing the Education Ministry's floating trophy for best performance at the SLDE Examination.

Mrs. Misick also praised runner-up valedictorian, Tanya Parker who, over the 15 terms that she spent at the school maintained an average of about 70 per cent and placed first, second or third in her class.

"Words like excellent, keen, conscientious, hard working, (and) consistent, have been used to describe her performance over the years. She has been a model student not only in terms of performance, but conduct as well," Mrs. Misick explained.

Tanya who was involved in a motor accident recently and had to support herself with crutches at the ceremony, copped the first place in Chemistry, English Literature, History and Biology at the SLDE Examination and the third places in Maths, English and Physics.

H.J. Robinson's Valedictorian '91 and TCI's Top Student '91 Laverne James with one of ther trophies.

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MARJORIE BASDEN HIGH SCHOOL

THE PEOPLE of South Caicos joined in celebrating the performance of the Class of '91 of the Marjorie Basden High School when the school, now in its 21st year, held its graduation and annual prize-giving exercises on July 2.

Among those attending the ceremony chaired by member of staff, Hector Jackson, were Chief Secretary Paul Fabian, representing the Governor, Education Minister Hon. Robert Hall who gave the feature address, patron of the school, Mrs. Marjorie Basden, and several officials from the Education Department.

The tone for the celebration was set early in the programme when Director of Education, Mrs. Linda Williams delivered "greetings" and praised the graduating class for returning the best overall performance, nationally, at the School Leaving Diploma Examination.

"The results of the School Leaving Diploma Examination which took place recently and the performance of the students here in South Caicos, have certainly done my heart well," Mrs. Williams told the gathering.

She continued: "Despite the many cries that... South Caicos is dead and there is nothing happening, the boys and girls of this year's graduation exercises have proven that we still have talent in South Caicos.

She was also loud in her praises for the principal, Mr. Carlton Mills (who assumed the leadership of the school a year ago) and members of the teaching staff.

Of the 21 students who wrote the examination, five earned Class One Diplomas, four earned Class Two Diplomas, seven earned Class Three Diplomas and the remaining five graduated with School Leaving Certificates.

This means that while the school entered the smallest number of students for the SLDE Examination, which seeks to certify 80 per cent of students leaving the respective secondary schools, it recorded the highest percentage of passes – 76.2 per cent.

Weston Bovell who recorded the best scores, nationally, in History, Geography and Integrated Science, was named the school's Valedictorian '91 and received the Chief Minister's Cup. He also received the Paul Thomas Trophy for being the best science students..

Other special awards went to Rachael Louis who received the Clement Howell Trophy for being the school's Class of '91 most outstanding business student as well as trophies for "outstanding performance" and for being outstanding during the recent "work experience" exercises; Sonovia Clare who received the Harold Williams Trophy for being the most improved graduate; Darlene Clereaux for being the most improved business student; and, Rhoda Cox – for "perfect attendance".

While Rhoda Cox also received an award for her performance in Maths, and fell short of being selected the school's valedictorium '91, the principal spoke

Marjorie Basden High School's Class of '91 entertain the gathering at their Graduation Ceremony.

Hon. Robert Hall delivering the feature address at the Marjorie Basden High School Graduation Ceremony. Principal, Mr. Carlton Mills and Chief Secretary Mr. Paul Fabian are to his immediate left.

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of her in glowing terms as he paid her a special tribute.

"Earlier this year, she lost her father. But despite the difficulties she encountered, she remained dedicated to her work. Rhoda is a model student, a student whom all students at this school should emulate. She has demonstrated to our student body that no matter what difficulties you experience, once you set your mind on your goals, you can and will succeed," Mills said.

Non-graduating students, S. Lachham and S. Mills also received awards for emerging as the male and female chess champions, respectively while the Governor's Cup for the best results at external examination (the CXC) in 1990 was awarded to Monique McIntosh of the Class of '90.

The mood of celebration was enhanced when the Principal, in giving his report enumerated the school's successes at a number of competitions including the recent Inter Secondary Schools Basketball Tournament for the JAGS Mc Cartney Trophy.

GUEST SPEAKER

"REACH for the light" was the key message left with graduating and other students of the Marjorie Basden High School by Education Minister Hon. Robert Hall, on July 2 as the school held its 1991 graduation and annual prize-giving ceremony.

Addressing his audience on the theme "Reaching for the Light", Hall referred to the trees in the valleys and gorges which tend to grow tall as they reach for the light and he urged parents and guardians to help their children find the light of knowledge.

"No doubt, there are many of you who are still enslaved by ignorance through no fault of your own... Your vision might be blurred. You may not have reached the light but you can at least lead your children in the direction of the glare and, maybe just maybe – they will find the light," he said.

He praised those parents who he said make sure that they provide a stable home and the kind of environment that is conducive to the upbringing of boys and girls in a very decent manner.

He lamented however, that there are many fathers who seem not to understand what it is to be father.

"Fathers, I ask you to get close to your sons in particular. So often they want to emulate fathers (but) too often, the type of conduct that is exhibited by our fathers, is not worthy of emulation," he said.

Minister Hall also lamented that many mothers seem to have forgotten about sharing a mother's tender love.

He continued: "Indeed, it is a sad commentary that in our beautiful Turks and Caicos Islands, some of our young parents – mothers included – are being caught up in the drug problems, the alcohol problems and have been leaving their precious little daughters to roam. No wonder that in this land of ours, we have a high incidence of teenage pregnancy.

"To those of you who when the evidence of your children's actions becomes obvious, you take them away quietly to Miami, I say: You hide from man but one day you will have to answer to Almighty God."

Minister Hall also called on teachers to "turn the searchlight inwards and to realise that while what they say to students is

Weston Bovell, Valedictorian '91, Marjorie Basden High School, South Caicos, gives the Valedictory address.

Some of the dignitaries at the Marjorie Basden High School graduation ceremony during the address by Hon. Robert Hall. From left to right are Chief Secretary, Mr. Paul Fabian; Mrs. Hall (wife of the Minister); Director of Education Linda Williams; Speaker of the Legislative Council, Hon. Emily Saunders and Director of Education Mrs. Julia Williams.

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important, what they do before them may very well leave lasting impressions with them for the rest of their lives.

He stressed the need for the TCI to develop its human resources so that a number of positions now being filled by expatriates could eventually be filled by TC Islanders.

He also stressed that the local school system has not been producing boys and girls of the calibre to make use of fifth form scholarships that are available, the old excuse that scholarships are not available is no longer relevant.

GRADUATING CLASS

THE FOLLOWING are the names of the members of the Class of '91 of the Marjorie Basden High School, South Caicos:

CLASS ONE DIPLOMA
Weston Bovell
Sonovia Clare
Rhoda Cox
Rosheeda Russell

CLASS TWO DIPLOMA
Clifford Duncanson
Pamella Glinton
Bronel Outten
Trevor Saunders

CLASS III DIPLOMA
Deanner Blair
Mario Butler
Darlene Clerveaux
Alfred Robinson
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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

PRINCIPAL of the Marjorie Basden High School, Mr. Carlton Mills, used the opportunity of the 1991 Graduation and Annual Prize-Giving Ceremony to appeal to parents in South Caicos to "stop playing parents and be parents."

"If your children are to become the future leaders of this society, home training is essential. Parents, if you fail to discipline your children, you will pay the cost on judgement day," mills told the gathering at the ceremony.

He said he was not pleased with the overall performance of students at the school for, generally, they need to work harder.

"We have to make a special effort to get those students who are not working to buckle up and those students who are working to work even harder," Mills explained.

He said that starting in September, students will be assessed on a monthly basis and parents will be informed about their children's performance each month. In addition, time will be set aside each month for parents of those children not performing to expectations to meet with the principal.

He said the Marjorie Basden High School has a crucial role to play in providing a sound education for its students to help meet the needs of the Turks and Caicos Islands. In this regard, much emphasis will have to be placed on the passing of external examinations for that is the measuring stick which determines the extent to which the school is achieving or failing.

Mills also stressed that if the education system is to improve, parents will have to exercise more control over their children.

And, addressing the graduating class, he said: "Your primary role

Mrs. Muriel Hall, wife of the Minister for Social Services, congratulates Rachel Louis.

Mrs. Marjorie Basden, patron of MBA, is presented with bouquet by a student.

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"I encourage you to vigorously pursue the goals which you have set for yourselves. It will not always be a bed of roses. There will be those who will see you as possible threats. Pay them no mind. If this country is to become economically independent... you will be called upon to make your contribution. If you fail in this endeavour, it will be a poor reflection on our educational system."

VALEDICTORIAN

THE CLASS of '91 of the Marjorie Basden High School, came, saw, and conquered. That was the veredict of the school's Valedictorian '91, Weston Bovell.

In his address at the graduation exercises, Bovell noted that while the class started out with 42 students in 1986, by the time they reached fourth form last year, there were only 21 students remaining.

However, of the 21 who started fourth form, none dropped out. And, among other things, the class conquered teenage pregnancy and drugs.

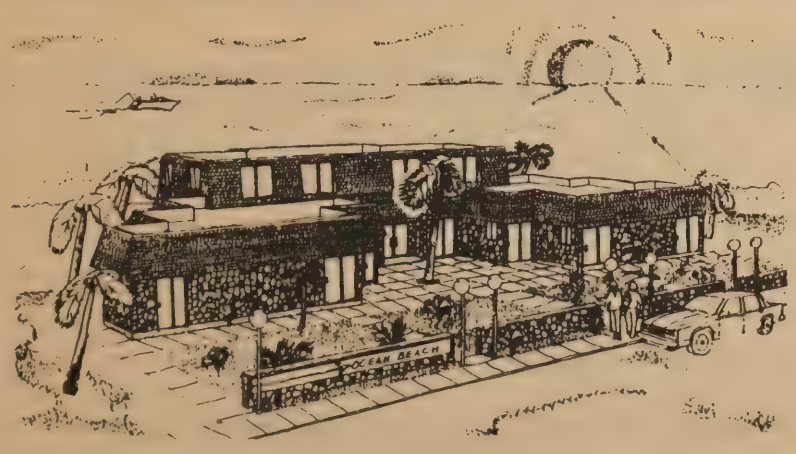
He said the graduating class turned in the best overall performance at this year's SLD examination with 76.2 per cent of them being awarded diplomas. In addition, Marjorie Basden High School has proven its academic excellence.

He said that like Caesar, the late great Roman emperor, each of the graduating students "can truly say: I came, I saw, I conquered."

"We have conquered because of commitment – commitment of our parents and guardians, commitment of our principal and teachers, commitment of ourselves," Bovell said.

"We have conquered because of our commitment to persevere. We have conquered because of our commitment to life itself," he added.

Smiley Howell presents Rachel Louis with the Clement Howell Trophy.



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Some of the graduates and a section of the gathering at the Raymond Gariner High School graduation ceremony.

THE OVERALL performance of the Class of '91 of the Raymond Gardiner High School might have fallen short of expectations, but the people of North Caicos seem willing to back the students to the hilt.

This was evident from the large turnout at the school's Fifth Annual Graduation and Prize-Giving ceremony on July 3.

As an indication of the interest which the graduation exercise generated on the island, for the duration of the ceremony it was not possible to do business at at least one hotel which suspended operations to allow staff and management to attend.

Unlike the three other graduation ceremonies which began at 6:00 p.m., that at North Caicos got underway at 4:00 p.m.

Among the dignitaries were Mrs. Bradley, representing Governor Bradley, and Ministers Robert Hall and Mike Misick and, wife of the Chief Minister, Mrs. Anne Misick.

The ceremony chaired by Mrs. Yvette Handfield, a member of the teaching staff, also featured the presentation of basketball equipment – a gift from Ministers Hall and Misick and Member of the Legislative Council Hon. George Hinson – to the school.

In welcoming the gathering, Vice Principal, Mrs. Agness Swann, said while such occasions are usually characterised by mixed emotions, on that occasion the clouds were "a bit darker" because the school's examination results had fallen below expectations.

Mrs. Bradley told the graduating class: "We all wish you well and I hope everybody will stand behind you as you embark on the next stage of your journey... Good luck."

Hon.. Mike Misick said the Government is committed to providing opportunities for Turks and Caicos Islanders to obtain the necessary training overseas so that they may be able to take up their rightful places at home.

"We are tired of hearing that Turks and Caicos Islanders do not qualify for certain positions," he said.

And, cautioning that "hard work lies ahead," he told them to get their priorities right "and reach for the stars."

While 47 students from the Class of '91 wrote the School Leaving Diploma Examination (SLDE) none managed to gain a First Class diploma. Seven were awarded Second Class diplomas and 12 got Third Class diplomas while the remaining 28 – or 59.6 per cent – gained school leaving certificates.

Kacy Handfield, the school's Valedictorian '91, received the Missick's Trophy for being the most outstanding graduate; Phillip Simmons received the Hamilton's Trophy for "outstanding leadership quality"; Donna Gardiner received the JAGS McCartney Award for academic achievement.

Donna Gardiner, Karen Gardiner and Terrance Robinson, all of whom won a number of awards, were named as runners-up Valedictorians '91; while Kendra Gardiner (Form 2A) received the Governor's Cup for the "most rounded student"; and, Form 1A student, Jaise Poulose received the Governor's Cup for "most outstanding academic achievement."

As was the case at the other graduation ceremonies, the students of the lower school as well as the students of the graduating class entertained their guests with several musical selections – including Climb Every Mountain by the graduates.

GUEST SPEAKER

"LIVE for a purpose". That was the message left with the people of North Caicos by Education Minister Hon. Robert Hall when he addressed the fifth annual graduation and prize –given ceremony of the Raymond Gardiner High School on July 3.

"Some of you have displayed a rather callous attitude towards your children and their future. We have come to that time of accountability and most of your children are now found wanting," Hall said in a reference to the school's relatively poor showing at the recent School Leaving Diploma Examination.

He contended that if many of the parents involved had really lived for a purpose and provided their children with the correct environment at home, the harvest might have been different.

He said it would have been hypocritical of him to stand there and say he was pleased.

"I am definitely not pleased. When I consider the investment that has been made in education, I do not think that at this stage, we are getting the kind of returns (we should be getting) on our money.

And, contending that he was not satisfied that all teachers are displaying the kind of professional competence expected of them, he said, "I say to you, publicly, if the arrow points at you, then buckle up. buckle up."

He also told the gathering that even though some measures being taken by the present government to improve primary education, in particular, might not be popular in some communities, he will be "unbending" because, "at the end of the day, if we make the right decisions and be bold to face them regardless of the political consequences, then, at the end of the day, the people to rejoice and benefit will be the children of the land."

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Kacy Handfield, Valedictorian 91', Raymond Gardiner High School delivers her Valeditory address.

Hon. Robert Hall delivers the feature address at Raymond Gardiner High School Graduation Ceremony.

And, addressing the graduating class directly, he said that in some way, their performance might well be an indication of what they are living for.

He however urged them to make use of the evening institute at the school for while they were leaving school, their education process was not complete. "Go on and qualify yourselves... I will not ask any institution to lower their standards to accept you," he stressed.

GRADUATING CLASS

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Donna Gardiner
Karen Gardiner
Kacy Handfield
Burkley Missick
Terrance Robinson
Delano Smith

THIRD CLASS DIPLOMA
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Charmane Gardiner
Scottie Gray
Desmond Handfield
Dwayne Handfield
Grace Ann Handfield
Judith Handfield
Canon Missick
Kimbelee Missick
Shannon Outten
Bruce Lee Rigby
Deborah Swann

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

"THERE is a whole new world awaiting you," Principal of the Raymond Gardiner High School, Mrs. Ruby Gordon told her school's Class of '91 at their graduation exercises on July 3.

"As you leave us, I would like you to know that we are proud of you. Do not settle for mediocrity. There is a whole new world awaiting you. Go out and search for your dream. You will make mistakes but do not let that deter you. Do not let mistakes serve as stumbling blocks but as guideposts to keep you on the track to your goal," Mrs Gordon told the graduating class.

She continued: "The person who has never made a mistake in his life has never attempted anything worthwhile. So, go out. Search for your dreams. Dreams can come true so you too can dare to dream."

Earlier, Mrs. Gordon who said she was very disappointed with the school's results at the SLDE examination had appealed to parents and the community at large, to realise that the school will be as good as they make it.

"Let us join heads and hearts in ensuring that we make this school a good one for our students," she appealed.

Mrs Gordon also announced a number of programmes which will be introduced at the school from the beginning of the new school year. These include the organising of monthly meetings with the parents of fifth formers and the holding of bi-monthly meetings with the parents of fourth formers to monitor students' progress; setting aside one "late evening" per week for students to spend extra time studying; increasing activities such as drama and debates; and including students' academic performance as part of the criteria for determining the overall championship for inter-house competitions.

She also called for replacements for departing teachers of English, Spanish and Integrated Science; for additional teachers in the area of remedial reading and library science; for the establishment of a proper library facility to foster the love of reading; and, for an auditorium which could also serve as classrooms.

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VALEDICTORIAN

KACY Handfield, Valedictorian '91 of the Raymond Gardiner High School told the July 3 graduation ceremony she and her colleagues were hoping to make their school the top one in the TCI this year and had done a great deal of hard work but their results at the School Leaving Diploma Examination were "a bit shocking and disappointing."

"We understand the feeling of disappointment felt by all. But please don't give up on us. You will hear great things about us in the future," she said in her valedictory address.

And, noting that while there is shame in falling, there is greater shame in remaining where you fall, she added: "I would like to assure you that my colleagues and I are willing to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and strive towards achieving the greatest heights that we are capable of reaching, academically. With your continued help and prayers, we shall make it."

Kacy who was the Deputy Head Girl at the school and who graduated with a second class diploma, said that in her own case, there were times when she wanted to "give up" and times when she believed she was working only to please her teachers and her parents. She however realised that that was the biggest mistake she ever made.

She continued: "When I realised that I was only fooling myself I began to have a change of attitude. I became more careful and showed more interest in my studies giving up some of those idle moments for more profitable work."

Kacy Handfield, Valedictorian '91 Raymond Gardiner High School receives her trophy — the Valedictorian Award — from Mrs. Misick, wife of Mr. Emmanuel Misick.

Mrs. Bradley (at left) receives a gift from a student of Raymond Gardiner High School. Also receiving gifts are Mrs. Ann Misick, wife of the Chief Minister, Mrs. Yvette Misick, wife of Minister of Communication and Transportation and District Commissioner Elizabeth Gardner.

Mrs. Yvette Handfield chairing Graduation Ceremony, 1991 at Raymond Gardiner High School, North Caicos.

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Graduates of the CHHS march with lighted candles off stage to the School's theme song, "We will carry the torch."

THIS year's series of high school graduation and prize-giving ceremonies climaxed on July 4 at the Clement Howell High School, Blue Hills, Providenciales.

The CHHS ceremony was a fitting climax and probably, the best of the four even though, at times the programme did not flow as smoothly as the organisers might have wished.

It was characterised by lusty singing by the school choir, and outstanding performances by the school's band with band-member, Givan La Porte, excelling with a saxophone solo – performances which prompted Minister Robert Hall to remark that the school has "an abundance of talent."

Chairperson for the ceremony was Mrs. Claudette Clare, a teacher at the school and poetess who read one of her poems entitled Clement Howell High School.

The ceremony itself ended quite fittingly with the recession of graduates during which each graduate carried a lighted candle through the darkened auditorium, having left behind on the rostrum, two fourth form students whose candles they had lighted as a symbol of continuity.

It also seemed quite appropriate that the feature address by Education Minister Hon. Robert Hall was given towards the end of the programme and immediately before the vote of thanks.

Of the 32 students who wrote the School Leaving Diploma Examination, seven were awarded class one diplomas, five were awarded class two diplomas, five received class three diplomas and 15 received school leaving certificates.

Headmistress, Ms. Angela Andrews reported that the school earned 100 per cent passes in seven of the 20 subjects offered at the SLDE. These were History, English Literature, Spanish, Chemistry, Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles and Woods.

Students from he school also captured the first place in ten of the subjects offered at the SLDE.

Pedro Williams won the trophy donated by the Howell family for the best overall performance by a graduating student. He was the CHHS top student in Accounts Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Technical Drawing; the number two student in History and Principles of Business and, the number three student in Social Studies.

Among the other graduating students who received prizes were Temika Dean – the school's valedictorian '91 – Bryan Hamilton, Kathleen Williams, Chris Williams, Odoo McCallum, Balman Chand, Marjorie Cushnie, Beverley Eyma and Glynes Williams.

Valedictorian Tamika Dean, delivering her address.

And, Edward Delance (Deputy Head Boy) received a special award from the staff for being the school's most helpful student.

The school also used the opportunity to present a number of organisations and individuals from the community with certificates of appreciation for their contributions to the school over the years.

Among the dignitaries present at the CHHS graduation were His Excellency Governor Michael Bradley and Mrs. Bradley; Ministers Robert Hall and Mike Misick; Former Education Minister and current Member of the Legislative Council, Hon. Wendal Swann; wife of the Hon. Chief Minister, Mrs. Ann Misick; Deputy Chief Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Wheeler; and, Assistant Chief Secretary, Mr. Bill Clare.

GUEST SPEAKER

"NEVER GIVE UP" was the message from Education Minister Robert Hall to students and teachers of the Clement Howell High School as he delivered his third graduation address in as many days on July 4.

He referred to the experiences of babies as they learn to walk, often falling in the process, but never giving up.

He also spoke about boxer Mike Tyson who since losing his Heavyweight crown to Douglas, is "back in the ring training again and waiting for his moment in time" to recapture the title.

Most of his address was directed to teachers and parents who he urged not to give up on the country's students.

Noting that if teachers had given up on their dreams, they would not be serving as teachers today, he said: "I urge you not to give up on our boys and girls."

He noted that Clement Howell after whom the school was named, never gave up in spite of several setbacks.

Minister Hall also said there are some people who often make students feel inferior but who should remember that children live what they learn.

"If you make them feel like failures, they just might prove you right. Therefore, be positive and encourage them on the way," he said.

"Teachers, we are depending on you — whether you are from the soil or you are from the region or beyond, I invite you to join hands with us as we try to mould our youngsters and build a new Turks and Caicos Islands," he added.

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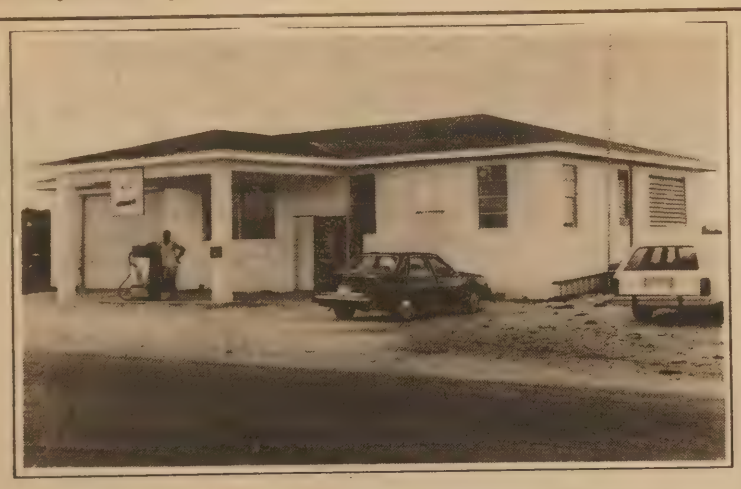

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Pedro Williams

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Tekorah Pratt
Veronica Rigby
Chris Williams
Glynes Williams

CLASS THREE DIPLOMA
Marsha Ewing
Bloneva Greene
Madge Rigby
Gertrude Walkin
Kimmit Harvey

Graduates of the Clement Howell High School, entertaining the audience with a selection.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

PRINCIPAL of the Clement Howell High School, Ms. Angela Andrews made a stirring appeal for a revising of the education system in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

In her report to her school's Second Annual Graduation Exercise, she gave a brief outline of the history of education in the Caribbean and noted that parents and educators in the Caribbean are today experiencing increasing difficulty in keeping children in school — "in keeping them interested in what we have to offer them."

She pointed out that 500 years after Columbus, even US President George Bush has called for a return to basics in education because the USA is not the world's leader in education.

She continued: "England is presently restructuring its education system. Education as we know it is being restructured, revamped, revised in all the developed countries. It follows then that we here in the Turks and Caicos Islands, perhaps, need to look at education and think of revising it."

She identified the area of classroom equipment as one of the areas at which attention should be focussed for "children today are bombarded by audio visual sound and images by way of television and video games" and there is no lack of interest on their part.

"If we are having trouble keeping them in school, perhaps, one way to go is the audio visual way," she suggested.

She also noted that while there is a general lack of acquaintance with the computer here, it was the computer, more than any other piece of equipment, which was changing the world in which we live.

She also pointed out that the fact that children from the Turks and Caicos Islands go to places like London, Miami and New York and master the computer "to the point where they can compete with children who have made and are making acquaintance with the computer from infancy, is a stark reminder that it is these minds that are wasting here, perhaps for want of a few dollars or even our lack of knowledge in the area."

And, noting that technology and its effects are conditioning our lives, she said society at large will begin to question the teaching profession as to why it does not make greater use of technology other than the usual chalkboard.

Quite a few students who, perhaps, have been given up by staff and parents alike, she added, have gone on to be extremely successful in life, earning millions and gaining fame and prestige.

And, she asked: "Is it not sad to offer a curriculum that, if ignored, cannot prevent the ignorant from achieving fame and fortune?"

Meanwhile, in a series of rhetorical questions to the graduates, Ms. Andrews suggested that they keep educating themselves, aware that the acquisition of knowledge is a lifelong endeavour; they should reach out a helping hand to the less fortunate; live true to their conscience; and, avoid burying their talents.

VALEDICTORIAN

TEMIKA DEEN referred to as "the baby of the class" of '91 by Chairperson Claudette Clare, showed herself to be quite capable of thinking like an adult when she delivered the valedictorian address at the Clement Howell High School's graduation ceremony on July 4.

"Although we are graduating, we have come to realise that this is only the beginning," she told the gathering.

"I can assure you that in this group can be found doctors, of tomorrow, teachers, accountants, lawyers and (other) personnel necessary for nation-building. And, on the question of nation-building, we want the Government and this community to know that we see ourselves as a group of graduates who will struggle to bring about the positive and necessary changes..." she added.

And, referring to the government's motto, "Progress through Partnership," she said that for successful partnership, there must be respect for individuality for each person in the society can make a difference. "We will make that difference," she added.

She used the opportunity to thank, among others, well-known retired educator, Mrs. Ianthe Pratt who she said "single-handedly" engineered her entry to high school.

Temika was not Clement Howell High's top (academic) student but was selected as valedictorian '91 in keeping with the criteria stipulated by the school. The valedictorian, Ms. Clare explained, is required to have a first class diploma, be eloquent, be charismatic, have a good personality and have good leadership qualities.

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Graduation

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op a positive approach to learning."

Valedictorian of the Raymond Gardiner High School, Kacy Handfield, in what was, perhaps, the best of the four valedictory addresses, touched a responsive chord in her audience when she said: "We understand the feeling of disappointment felt by all. But please don't give up on us. You will hear great things about us in the future."

Principal of the Clement Howell High School (CHHS), Ms. Angela Andrews went straight to the point when presenting her report: "A good report maketh the bone fat. My report is good. Let the statistics speak for themselves," she said at the outset.

She then reported that the school earned 100 per cent passes in seven of the 20 subjects offered at the SLDE and better than 90 per cent passes in social studies.

She also quoted statistics about the school's performance at the CXC examination last year as a result of which "at least three of our students would have been able to enter the sixth form for any combination of subjects of their choice."

But she added: "These statistics, though very pleasing, are disturbing to me because simple addition shows us that standards in this school have fallen."

She reported that the school's summer jobs programme continues to be very successful and, this year, "there are more jobs than we have students to place."

"What sounds even sweeter to my ear is the fact that many of our students who are receiving their diplomas this afternoon, have already found permanent employment, mainly in the private sector," she reported.

Ms. Andrews' confidence was matched by that of the CHHS Valedictorian, 1991, Temika Dean who told the gathering in the packed auditorium that in the CHHS Class of '91 could be found the doctors of tomorrow as well as accountants, teachers, lawyers and other personnel necessary for nation-building and each of whom can "make a difference.'

CHHS school choir rendering selection.

CHHS band, performing at the graduation ceremony.

Pastor James Williams, speaking at the CHHS Valedictorian service.

Mrs. Ann Misick (center) wife of the Chief Minister, was on hand to present awards.

CHHS graduates at the Valedictorian service.

Dignitaries at the CHHS graduation service. (center) Governor and Mrs. Bradley. Second from right is Hon. Robert Hall, and at his left is Hon. Mike Misick

Senior British official impressed with TC Islands tourism potential

A SENIOR official of Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office left the Turks and Caicos Islands recently impressed by the country's potential for tourism development and by its attempts to carve out a niche in the world of offshore finance.

Mr. Rob Holland, the newly-appointed head of the Dependent Territories Section, West Indies and Atlantic Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was in the TCI on a one-week familiarisation visit.

Shortly before his departure, he told *Turks & Caicos News*, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office "fully supports and appreciates" the TCI Government's decision to seek associate membership within the Caribbean Community and Common Market (Caricom).

He said also that while the question of political independence for the TCI was not a major issue raised by those with whom he spoke, the major issue raised tended to be that of the TCI's economic development.

Holland, who took up his appointment in January, arrived in the TCI on June 12 after completing a similar mission in the Cayman Islands where he also attended the recent meeting of Financial Secretaries of Dependent Territories in the Caribbean.

He said he had similar visits to Montserrat, Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands in February and will be visiting Bermuda at a later date.

While here, he met and held discussions with Chief Minister Hon. C. Washington Misick; Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Oswald O. Skippings; ministers of the Government and with representatives of a wide cross-section of the community, including representatives of the private sector.

He also visited all the main islands — Grand Turk, Salt Cay, North, Middle and South Caicos and Providenciales.

"I found (the TCI) a dependent territory which obviously has immense potential... in tourism," Holland told *Turks & Caicos News*.

The TCI, he added, has world-class facilities for activities such as scuba diving; it is close to the United States market; it has good communications; and, it has "all the sand sea that anybody could want."

The country also has "immense potential in the offshore finance sector," he added.

He contended that the TCI was "well ahead of some of the competition" in the offshore finance sector and that while it was not in a position to compete with the Cayman Islands in the area of offshore banking, it has great potential in certain niche areas such as in trust companies and in the insurance business.

The Cayman Islands, he noted, is a world leader in offshore banking with reserves standing at some 385 Billion US dollars and with even more banks than there are in London.

He said while here he visited the Offshore Finance Unit in Grand Turk where he met and held discussions with Head of the Unit, Mr. Dereck Sanbrook and he was very impressed with what was being done at the Unit.

On the question of the TCI's bid to become an associate member of Caricom, Holland said the UK Government is "very keen that dependent territories should play a full role in the region for the benefit of both the territories and the region for both sides have something to gain" for such involvement.

"We have made clear to the Caricom Secretariat and to the (TCI) Government that we are in favour and wish to see it go ahead on mutually agreeable terms," he explained.

And, noting that the British Government's position on political independence "is absolutely clear," the senior Foreign and Commonwealth Office official said, "We will neither encourage nor discourage the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands about taking independence. We will be totally neutral on that. But when it is a constitutionally expressed wish of the people to take independence, we will help them to do so."

Holland also noted that while independence was not a major issue raised in discussions with him, independence was also not a major issue during the campaigning for the recent General Election and this suggests that "there is not a great amount of pressure at this time" for political independence.

And, referring to the Government's recent announcement tha it will be seeking economic independence by 1996 for the TCI, Holland contended that, "that was a very positive attitude to take."

He said the main issue raised with him was that of the economic development of the islands. "They are looking for progress through partnership as the Government says," Holland added.

And, in stressing that the British Government's position on

development aid is "quite clear", he said "the reasonable needs of our dependent territories" have first call on the British aid budget.

Before taking up his current appointment, Holland worked in the United Nations Department at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. And, before that, he also worked in the South East Asia Department.

Parrot Cay hotel to open March '92

THE TURKS and Caicos Islands' first luxury hotel is scheduled to have a "soft opening" in March next year and a "hard-opening" in mid-November, the hotel's recently-appointed marketing consultant and reservations representative has announced.

The Parrot Cay (Luxury) Hotel is a new holiday resort now under construction at Parrot Cay, a 1,200-acre island about 15 to 20 minutes by boat from Providenciales, the TCI's main tourist island.

The new hotel will be under the management and direction of Franz Wehren owner and manager of Les Hauts Gstaad considered one of Europe's most exclusive resort hotels.

According to a press release from Flagship Hotels and Resorts Inc. of Mount Kisco, New York which says it has just been chosen by Parrot Cay to be its marketing consultant and reservations representative, the soft opening period will extend from March, through the USA's 1992 Labour Day weekend in early September.

Special introductory rates will be in effect during this soft opening period.

Flagship, classified as a hotel management and marketing company, says it "specialises solely in small luxury hotels and resorts, primarily in the Caribbean and in Europe."

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Hesse says TCI should be marine biosphere reserve

A LEADING environmentalist is advocating that the Turks and Caicos Islands should seek to be designated as a marine biosphere reserve.

"It would be wonderful to be able to advertise that we are one of four or five marine biosphere reserves in the world," Chuck Hesse of PRIDE told participants at a recent one-day seminar and workshop on environmental conservation sponsored by the Department of Planning.

He noted that while there are already some 260 biosphere reserves in the world there are only three or four that are related to coral reef ecosystems while the majority are devoted to the protection and preservation of forests.

In such a reserve, he explained, "man and marine life live in productive harmony" with man acting as the steward to ensure that there is only sustainable harvesting and no over-exploitation.

"If the Turks and Caicos Islands is to become a major ecotourism destination, it must start to educate its residents to want to behave so responsibly that the country can be designated a marine biosphere reserve. That's a call for education," Hesse told the participants.

He said being designated a marine biosphere would entail restricting to the local market the sale of all catch and would ensure ready access to the best and the freshest of the seafood protein available in the country

Hesse continued: "The sooner the Turks and Caicos Islands recognise the marketability of being recognised as a marine biosphere reserve, the sooner it would be easier to attract the upscale tourists it desires.

"We have a lot to offer the world. We have to work to conserve it."

The TCI, he said, is committed to a marine conservation strategy superior to any advertised by other coral reef countries and this fact should be highlighted when promoting the country as a leading tourist destination.

"People now know where the Turks and Caicos Islands are. We had better get busy telling them what we are as the strategy for the 1990's" he stressed.

He continued: "If we do this and we keep our development under control, we can know prosperity and quality living unparalleled elsewhere."

He notes that while the competition is already stiff, the TCI has "all the advantages of a rookie turning pro."

He continued: "Our reefs and associated marine life are still fresh and vibrant; our historical isolation until the late 1960s... has kept our marine resources basically intact."

Hesse also noted that the reefs of some other countries are "too tired and too polluted" to offer the TCI any competition and that with some care, the TCI "can become, and perhaps, remain the new ecotourism jewel of the Caribbean."

He noted that last year, a special interest newsletter for the diving fraternity advertised the wall off West Caicos and the wall off South Caicos as one of the most outstanding but unknown places to go diving.

He noted that while somebody has said the TCI is one of the ten best, the TCI would be good, only if it stays on top.

He lamented that while in the United States, should someone damage or destroy the coral reefs of Florida Cays, he is made to pay millions of dollars in fines, "damage a coral reef with your boat here, and all you get is being a little bit embarrassed for being a poor navigator."

Members of one of the workshop groups at one-day Environmental Protection Seminar.

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Hon. Arabella Smith as she declared open the one-day Environmental Protection Seminar in Provo.

PPC sponsors one-day work shop

MANY of the country's electricity consumers could pay smaller light bills if the people who do their electrical installations were to adhere to standards set in the national electrical code. That is the advice from Mr. Paul Kott, General Manager of Provo Power Company (PPC).

Kott told a recent PPC-sponsored, one-day workshop at Ramada Hotel, that part of the problem is due to the fact that at the moment, there is no system in place in the Turks and Caicos Islands for the licensing of electricians.

He said this is a source of concern especially since it has led to a lot of people bidding for the available electrical installation jobs and to the lowest bidders usually getting the jobs.

But, he continued: "The result of these price negotiations, generally, is that by the time the price is fixed for the consumer, it is often less than adequate to do a proper installation. The result is the cutting of standards, materials and workmanship and, in the end, the consumer suffers."

Kott said, the consumer who opts for the low prices, does not usually know anything about electricity but he is usually very happy because he managed to get the cost down to levels he considers to be reasonable.

"But what he doesn't realise is that every month he is paying far more than he should pay for electricity and he could have avoided that by getting a proper installation in the first place," Kott explained.

He said the problems are usually linked to undersize services, loose connections and mismatched equipment.

He continued: "He (the consumer) sees his lights flicker and when he sees his light bill the first place to which he comes is the utility office and he wants somebody to explain to him what has gone wrong, or he goes to his elected member or civil servant and says, 'Do something because the situation is out of hand.'

"So, we have a problem. And the problem is there for each of us. The electrician is not, generally, getting as much money as he might, to do the job properly.

"Where the electrician could offer some savings to the consumer by using an apprentice, that is not an option which is open because the potential apprentice is, generally speaking, the one who is bidding against him...

"The consumer who may pay less for the installation, then pays many times over as he comes in and pays his monthly bills. The Power Company has endless complaints and requests for remedial action or for investigations to try to resolve the problem.

"So, the answer is the same for all of us. What we need are proper standards and we need to adhere to them and this should resolve our problems."

The workshop on electrical standards and requirements which was held on June 26, was intended, primarily, for electricians, architects and building contractors.

Among the resource persons participating in the programme co-ordinated by Electrical Inspector, George Williams and Co-ordinator/Chairman Robert Been, were Mssrs Robert Smith, Senior Development Control Officer, Department of Planning; Eric Seymour, Electrical Superintendent, TCI; Arthur Smith, and Benny Bird, electricians; and, George Williams, Electrical Inspector.

Kon Tike boat to be in operation here

ONE OF the four popular Kon Tiki tourist boats in the region will soon be pressed into operation in Providenciales, new owner, businessman Bill Rattey has announced.

Rattey told *Turks & Caicos News* the boat now being spruced up for its inaugural cruise here around mid July, previously operated in Martinique.

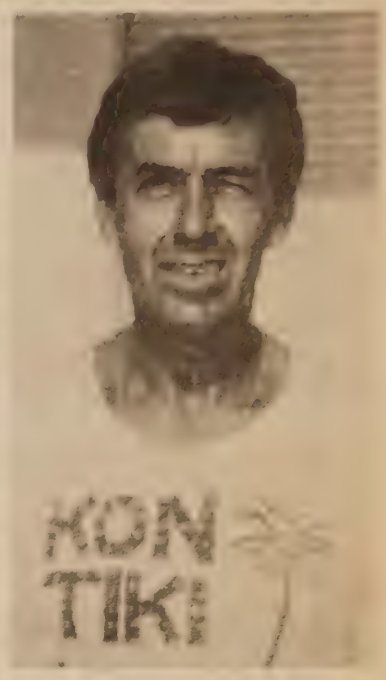
The double-deck, glass-bottom catamaran has a dance floor, a bar and a boutique on board and will be able to accommodate about 75 people on its cruises in the Grace Bay — Leeward area.

Rattey said the schedule now being drawn up will cater for reggae cruises, sunset cruises, barbecue cruises as well as for some half-day snorkeling trips.

He said the presence of Kon Tiki here will bring additional recognition to the TCI as a leading tourist destination.

Other interesting features of the Kon Tiki which will be manned by a three to four-member crew, include a ramp on the bow which could be used to pick up tourists or would-be cruises on the beach.

The Kon Tiki is 56 feet long by 26 feet wide. It is constructed with fiberglass over wood



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Environmentalists from Scotland Willie McGhee (left) and Graeme Robertson while in Provo.

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TWO environmentalists from the Island of Skye in Scotland kicked off a three-week study tour of 12 Caribbean countries with a four-day visit of the Turks and Caicos Islands two weeks ago.

Graeme Robertson, Director of Habitat Scotland and Willie McGhee, a Research Assistant for Habitat Scotland, told *Turks & Caicos News* their study tour is intended expose them to the environmental experiences of island countries in the Caribbean.

They explained that the main aims of the tour are to study integrated rural development projects and programmes in the Caribbean countries being visited, and meet with the key players involved in community-based resource management initiatives, all geared to ascertain whether any practical lessons from the Caribbean can be applied back in Scotland.

He noted that there are interesting similarities between the TCI and Skye for, like the TCI, Skye, an island in North West Scotland, has a population of about 12,000 and is an increasingly popular tourist destination.

They explained that six of the 12 countries being visited, have already had country environmental profiles prepared and they will be particularly interested in assessing the extent of community involvement in their preparation and how the people feel about the recommendations in the documents.

They will be meeting with representatives of some 80 non-Governmental organisations and community groups in addition to talking with Government and other officials in the 12 islands.

And, noting that whereas, usually countries in the Caribbean would study and benefit from the experiences of countries like Scotland, Robertson explained that he and his colleague have decided to "reverse the process by coming here to learn."

While in the TCI, the two environmentalists met and held discussions with several people involved in environmental conservation work. They included Chuck Hess of PRIDE, the Conch farm and the dolphin rehabilitation programme, and representatives of the Turks and Caicos Development Trust, the Department of Planning and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

They said they were very impressed by the work being done here by PRIDE, the level of consciousness about the need for environmental conservation and by the structure of national parks here.

Robertson and McGhee left the TCI on June 21 for the US Virgin Islands from where they will be moving to the British Virgin Islands, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts-Nevis, Montserrat, Dominica, St. Lucia, Barbados, St. Vincent, Grenada, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Their study tour is being financed mainly by travel bursury awarded by the Commonwealth Relations Trust Fund.

Hotel Association raises $2,700 for dolphins

THE PROVO Hotel Association says it has already raised some 2,700 dollars as contributions to the Into the Blue (Dolphin Rehabilitation Project.

The association has also announced that arrangements have been made under which, for every overseas guest arriving at TCI hotels, about four dollars will be donated to the project.

In an address to the gathering at a cocktail party at Ocean Club organised June 26 by the Association, executive member, Mark Redt, disclosed that a few months ago the association decided to contribute one dollar per each arriving guest at hotels in Providenciales.

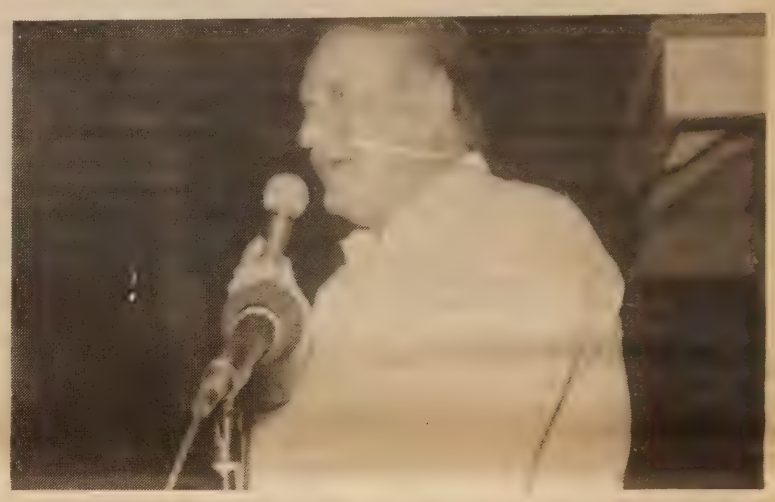
Since then, at least five tour operators who have been approached and Cayman Airways, have each agreed to donate one dollar for each visitor to the TCI that they process.

The tour operators will start making their contributions from the beginning of the winter (tourist) season, he said.

The association, Redt explained, has also published a brochure advertising the Into the Blue Project and encouraging visiting guests to each donate a dollar to the project.

He said while the programme was launched only a few weeks ago, hotels have already collected some 2,700 dollars (not including contributions from hotel guests) towards the Into the Blue Project and any other environmental project the association might be interested in promoting.

"Once we get the programme going fully, we should be able to generate in the region of 2,000 to 2,500 dollars per month," Redt explained, adding that that amount was sure to increase with the coming on stream of more hotels.



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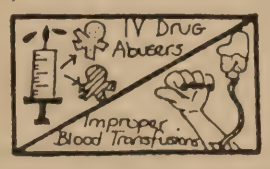

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Bight Primary School renamed for Ianthe Pratt

TURKS and Caicos Islanders joined in paying tribute to pioneer educator, Mrs. Ianthe Pratt on June 27 when the Bight Primary School was renamed the I.A. Pratt Primary School.

Mrs. Pratt started primary education in the Bight, Providenciales, 35 years ago and committed a lifetime to maintaining this community school as teacher and principal.

The building which now bears her name and which now accommodates six teachers and more than 150 students is of fairly recent vintage and stands in stark contrast to the impoverished quarters that housed the school during its early years.

The renaming ceremony featured greetings from other schools in Provo and from the Chief Secretary's Office, addresses by Education Minister Hon. Robert Hall, Director of Education, Linda Williams and Mrs. Ianthe Lightbourne and the presentation of a plaque by student Tanya Stubbs.

Mr. Hall paid tribute to Mrs. Pratt and called upon all teachers and schools to raise their level of competence, "I urge all concerned teachers to rise to the occasion. If you want to make a career in the classroom, make use of the opportunities to qualify yourselves," he said.

He also announced that he had submitted a paper to Executive Council, dealing with improvement of primary education in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

In her remarks, Mrs. Pratt good-naturedly warned the teachers to be on their good behavior. "I don't want my name trashed about," she said.

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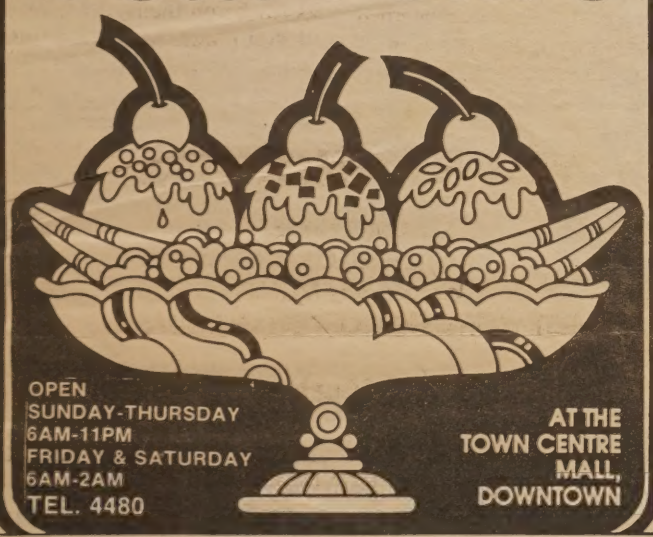

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Change of guard at Ramada hotel

THE TURKS and Caicos Islands last week bade farewell to Mark Redt, the first General Manager of the Ramada Turquoise Reef Hotel Resort and welcomed his successor, Michael Griffith, a Barbadian national who has had several years experience in the business in Barbados and Canada.

The farewells and welcomes were said at a grand party in Ramada's Banqueting Room at which the Government dropped a big surprised by presenting Mr. Antonio Reale, the major owner of the business, with a licence for the country's first casino.

Redt who said he was leaving TCI "with quite some regret" takes up a new job as the number one man in charge of a new 740-room Ramada Hotel being established in Jamaica following the company's recent acquisition of two well-know hotels which are adjacent to each other and which will be combined.

He told the large gathering which included Governor Michael Bradley, and Government Ministers Robert Hall, Arabella Smith and Mike Misick, he was "quite confident" that within the next two to three years the Turks and Caicos Islands will be a tourist destination to be reckoned with.

"I think there is a good future for these islands," he said, adding that he was sorry he wouldn't be here.

Griffith paid tribute to Redt and his support team for doing what he said was a herculean task of making Ramada "a part of this charming and beautiful island."

Mr. Michael Griffith, new manager of Ramada Hotel, and his wife.

Tony Reale was presented with casino licence at the farewell party for Mark Redt. Looking on are (left to right) Hon. Mike Misick, Hon. Robert Hall, Hon. Bell Smith and Governor Bradley.

TCI joins CARICOM

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• The Government of the TCI shall be invited to take part in the deliberations of the Conference of Heads of Government in the capacity of Observer.

• The TCI shall be a member of all Institutions of the Community, except the Standing Committee of Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs.

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• The TCI shall accept, as a valid travel document, the laissez-passer issued by the Caribbean Community Secretariat to officials of the Community.

• The TCI shall contribute to the budget of the Caribbean Community by the payment of annual contributions determined by the Common Market Council.

The Caricom Secretariat is in Georgetown, Guyana.

G. Turk fire

FIRE of unknown origin destroyed a dwelling house in Grand Turk on June 20 and left a number of persons homeless.

Reports from Grand Turk said a blaze had badly damaged the kitchen and other sections of the same building shortly after midday, the previous day.

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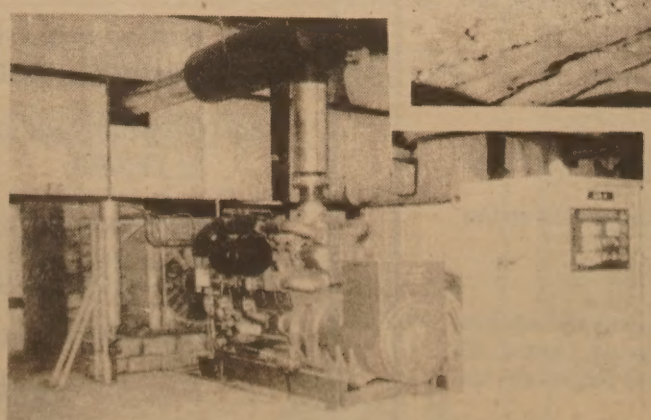

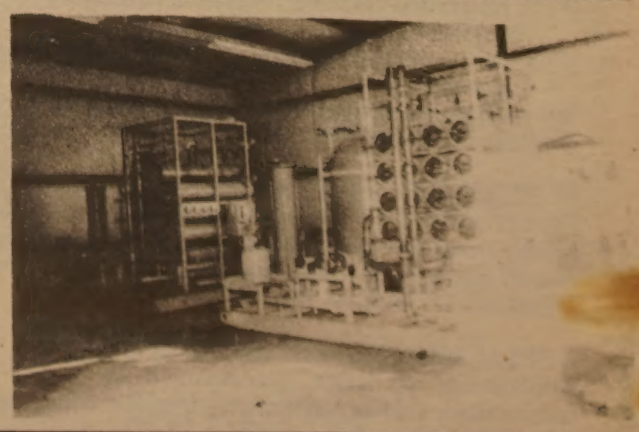

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